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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high school student Peter Parker incredible, arachnid-like powers: strength, agility, a spider-like sixth sense warning him of personal danger, and most amazing of all-- Peter can walk on walls. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility!

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Peter barely escaped a grueling, dramatic and violent encounter with a childhood friend, Eddie Brock, who turned himself into the monstrosity known as VENOM.

Ten years ago, Peter and Eddie's fathers accidentally invented Venom when they were seeking a biological cure for cancer.

Doctor Curt Conners, Eddie's college professor, in an attempt to regrow a missing limb using lizard DNA strands, accidentally turned himself into a lizard creature. Spider-Man saved Conners and in return, Conners offered Peter Parker his trust and friendship.

After being hurt in battle, Peter Parker comes to Conners for medical help. Conners is left with Parker's miracle Spider-Man blood sample.

Conners contacts Peter and they meet. He asks Peter for permission to experiment on his blood sample in the interests of science. The result of that experimentation is now coming to light...

Gwen Stacy, high school student and houseguest of the Parkers, is dead. She was killed outside their Forest Hills home by a mysterious red monster that has also killed several other people throughout New York City.

Peter has just confronted Dr. Curt Conners outside Parker's home. Conners admitted that it was his splicing of Peter's DNA with Conners' own that created the crimson creature who slew Gwen Stacy and now stands before them...

Peter is able to defeat the monster by tossing it into an industrial smokestack. His revulsion at what the creature had done, coupled with his sense of helplessness to prevent it, caused the troubled teen to give up his alternate identity as Spider-Man.

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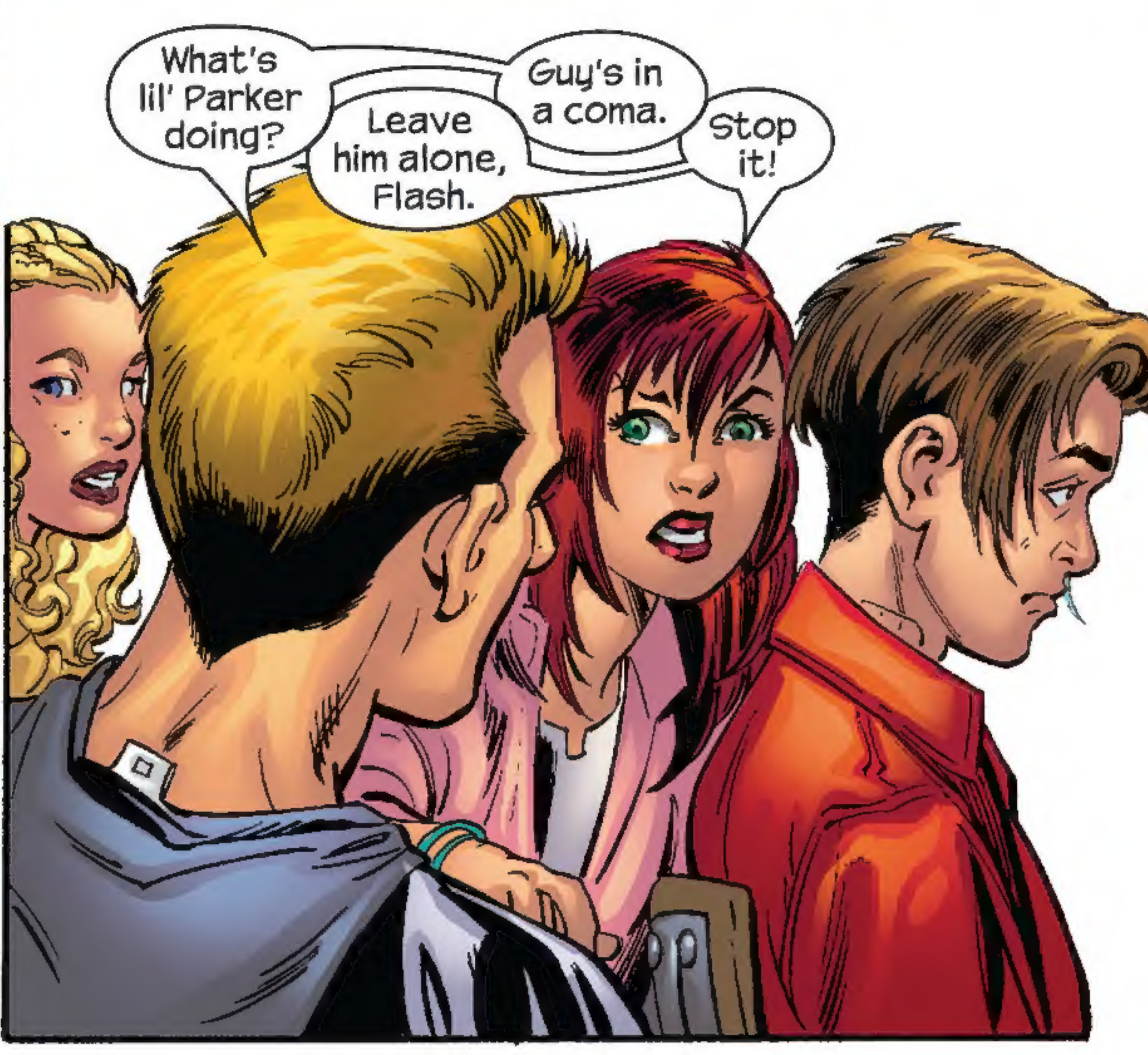
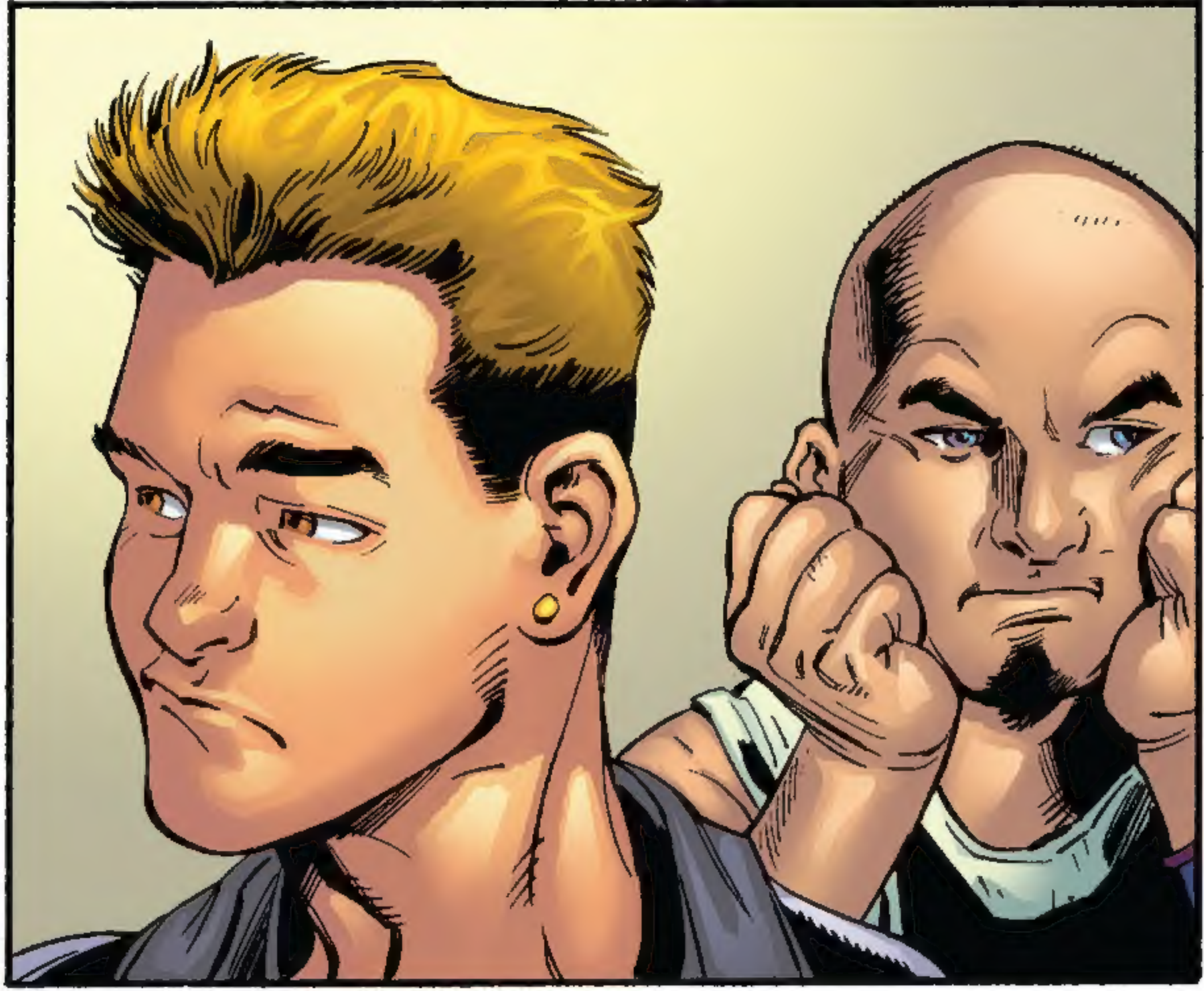
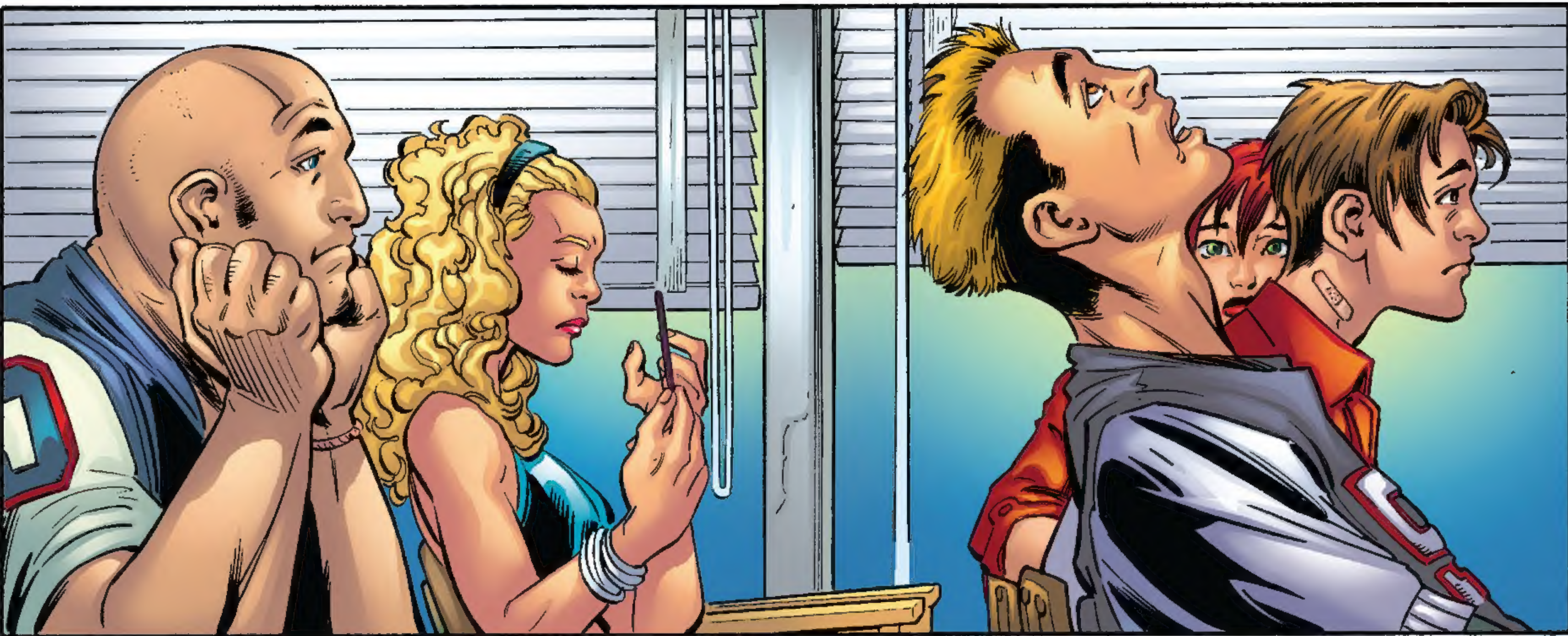
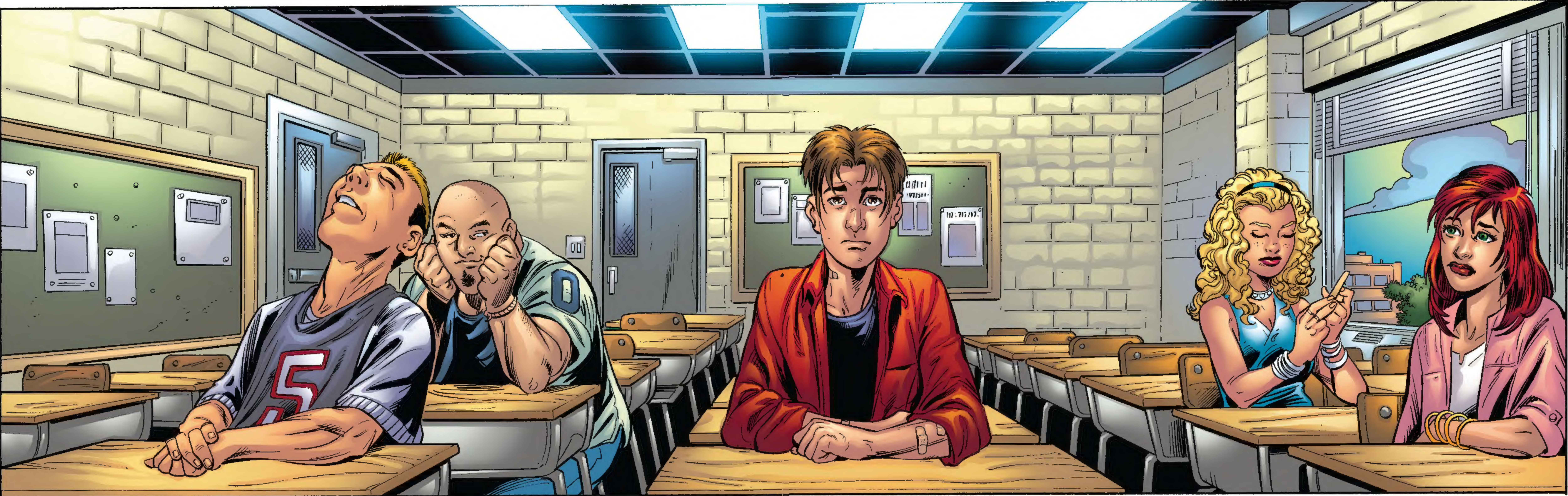
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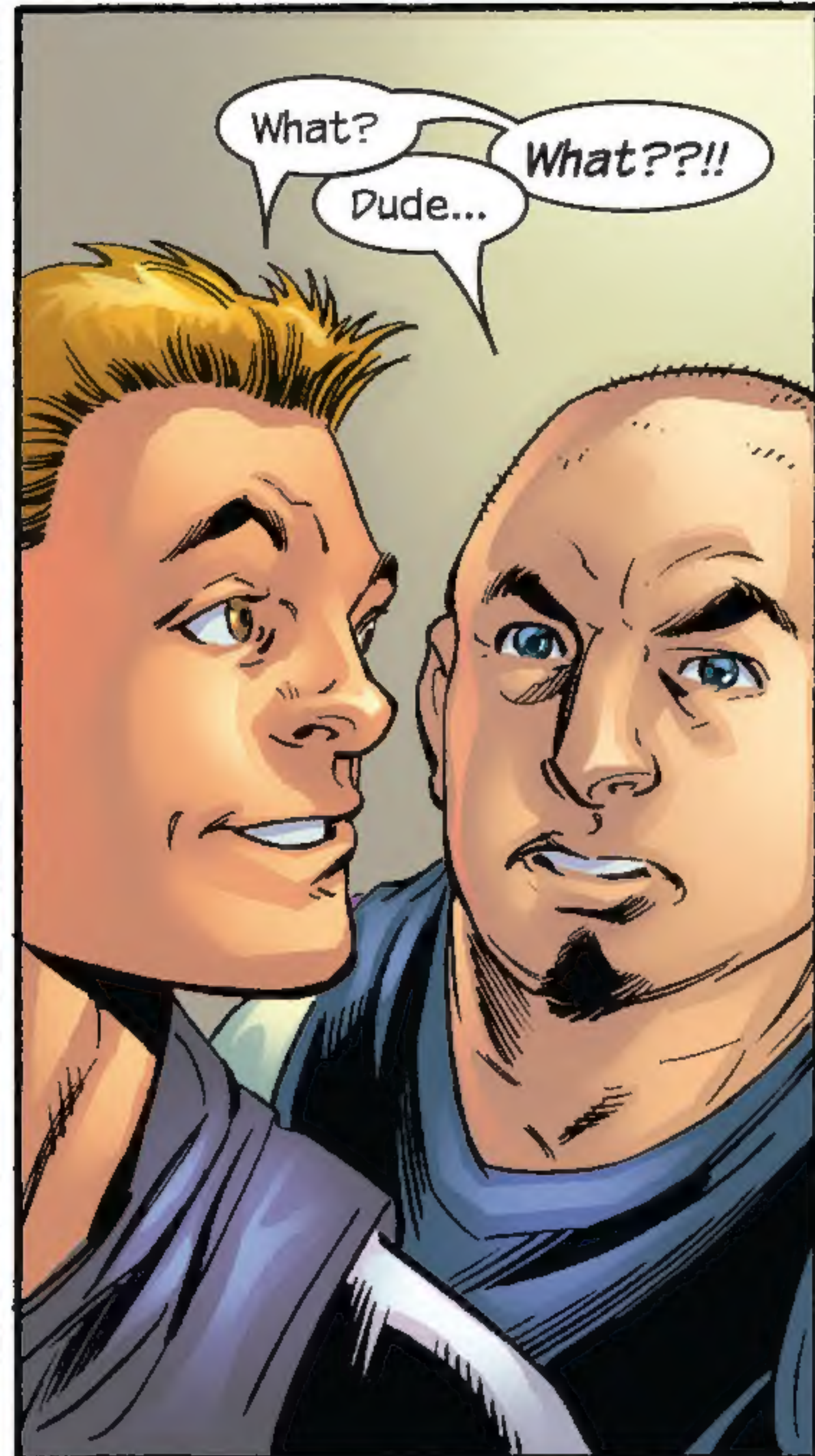
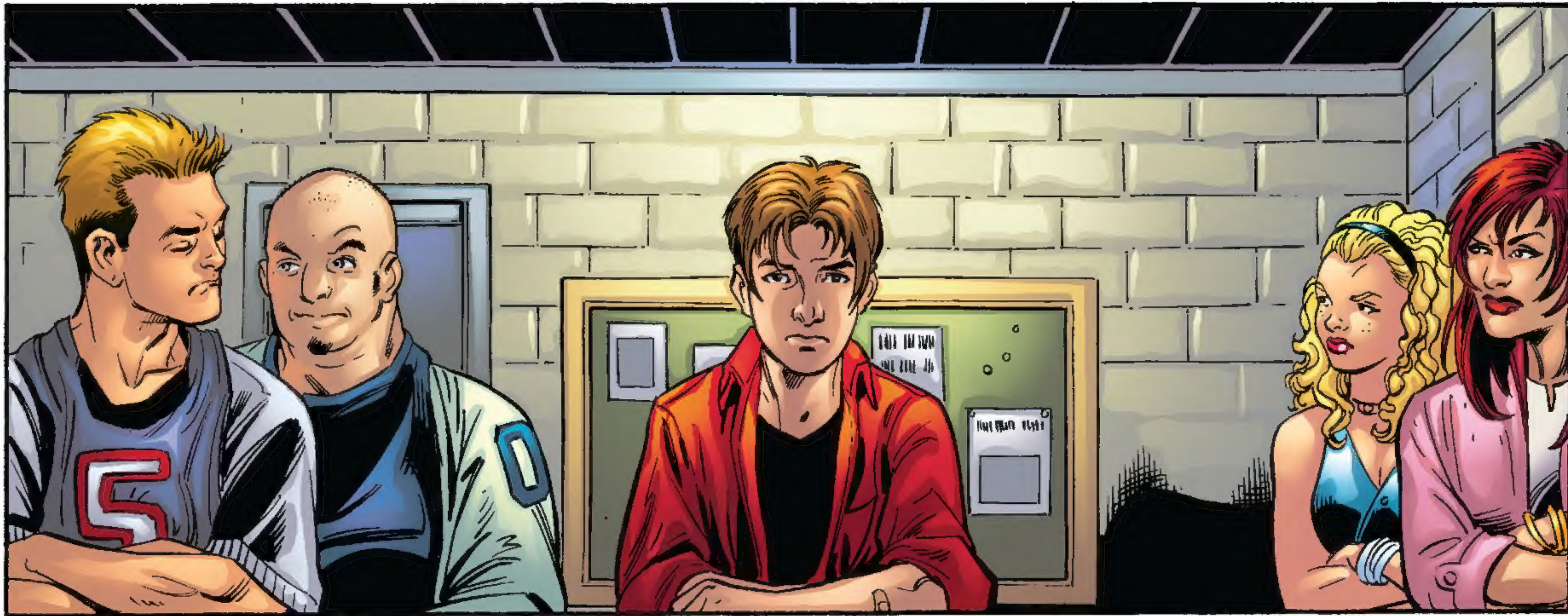
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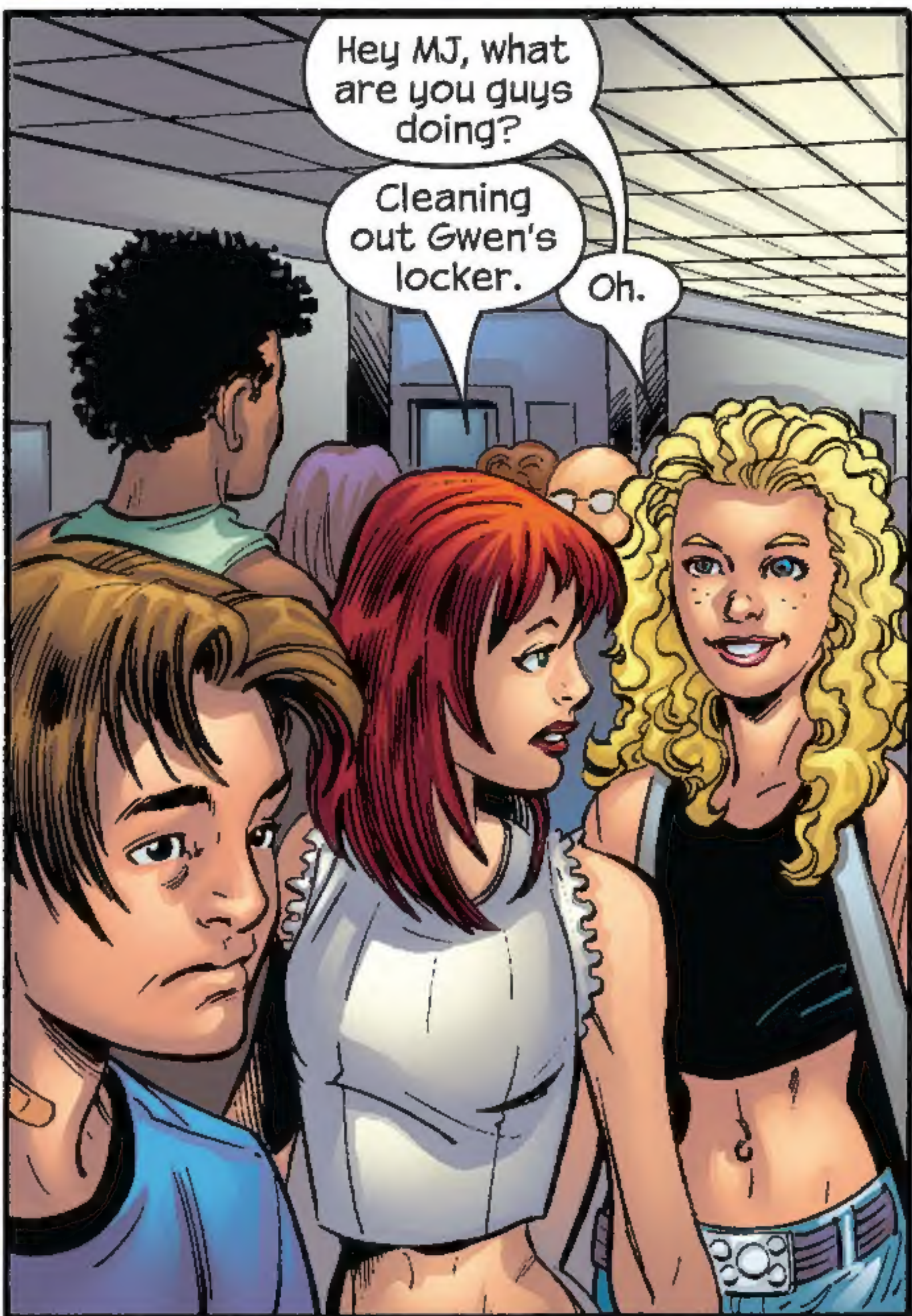
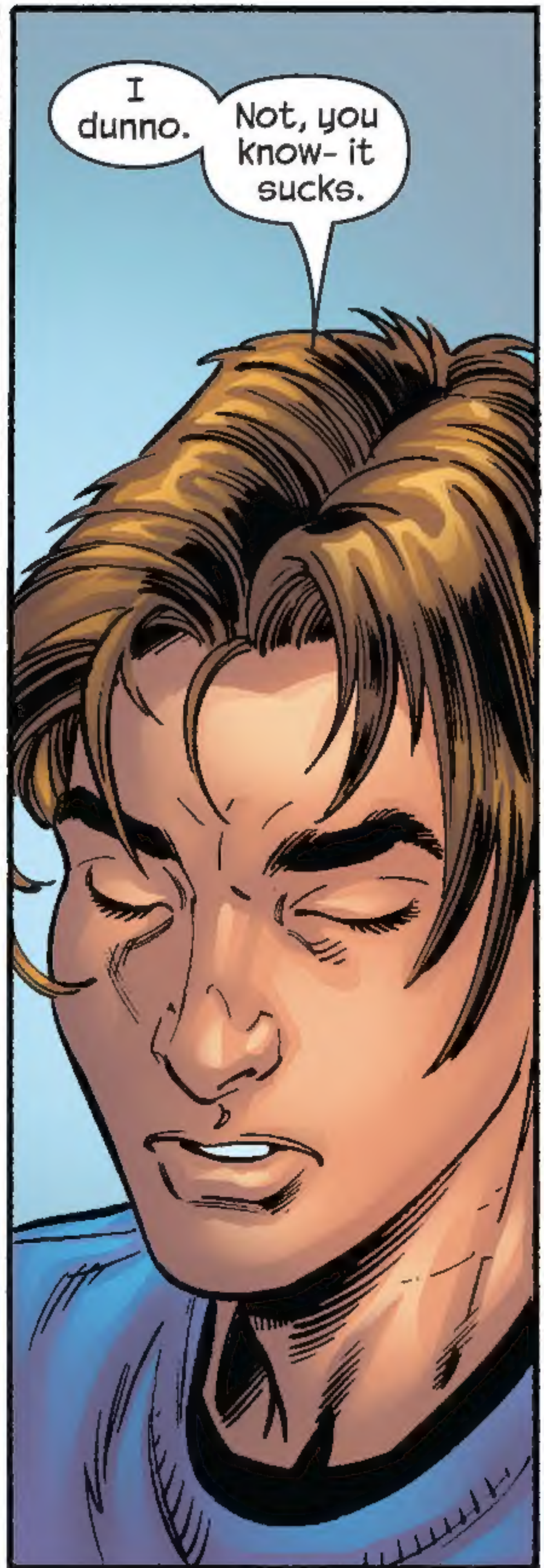
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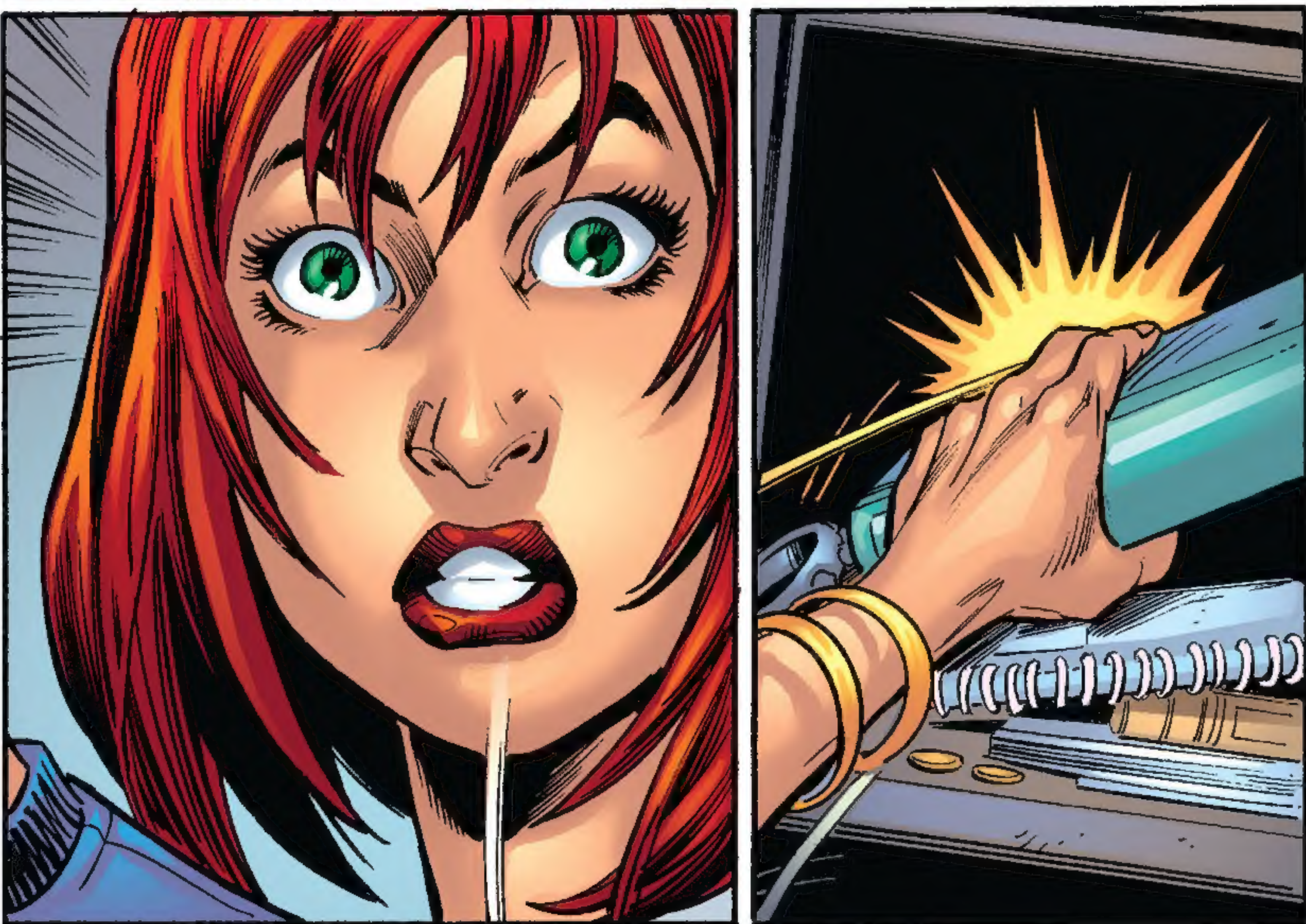
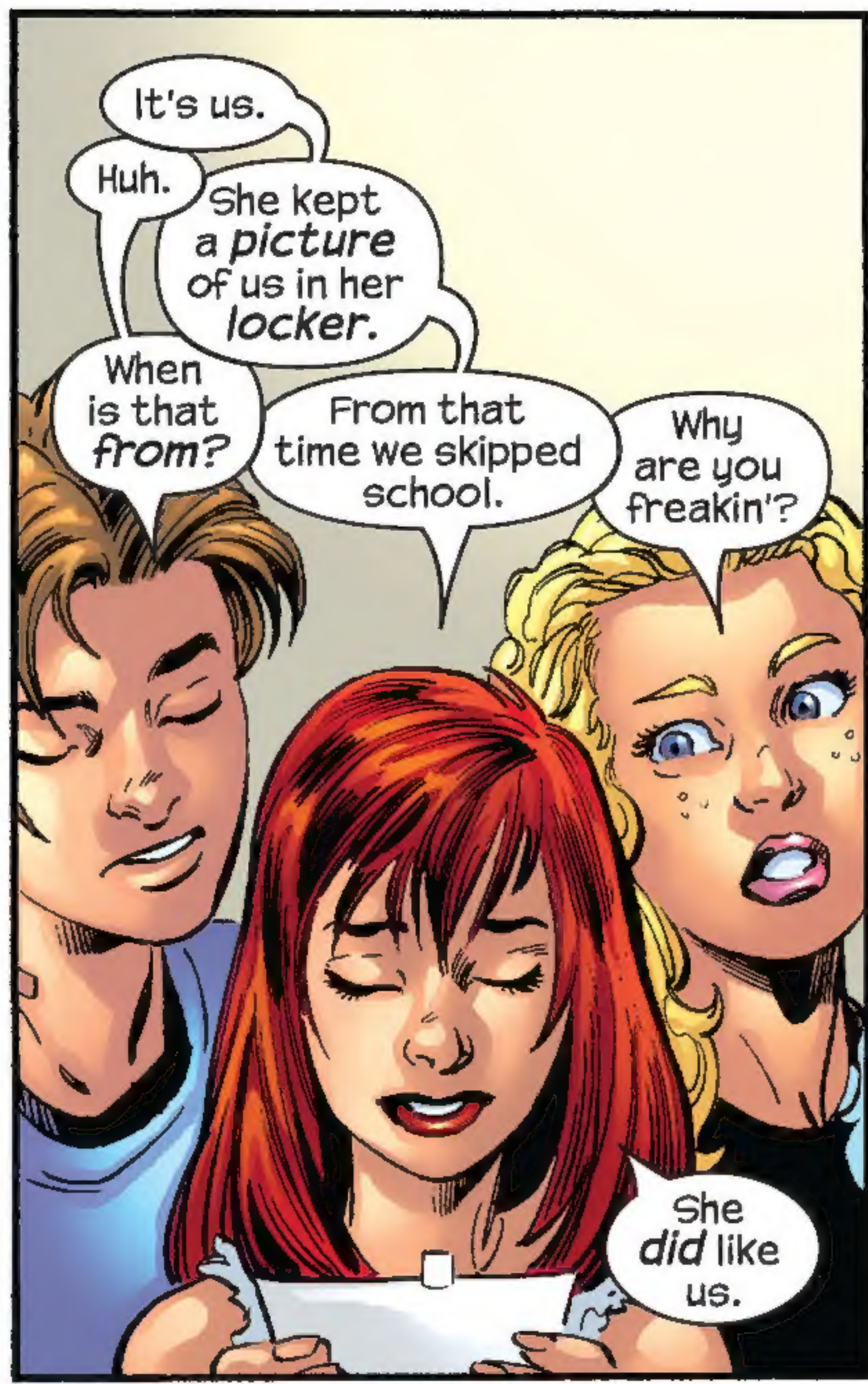
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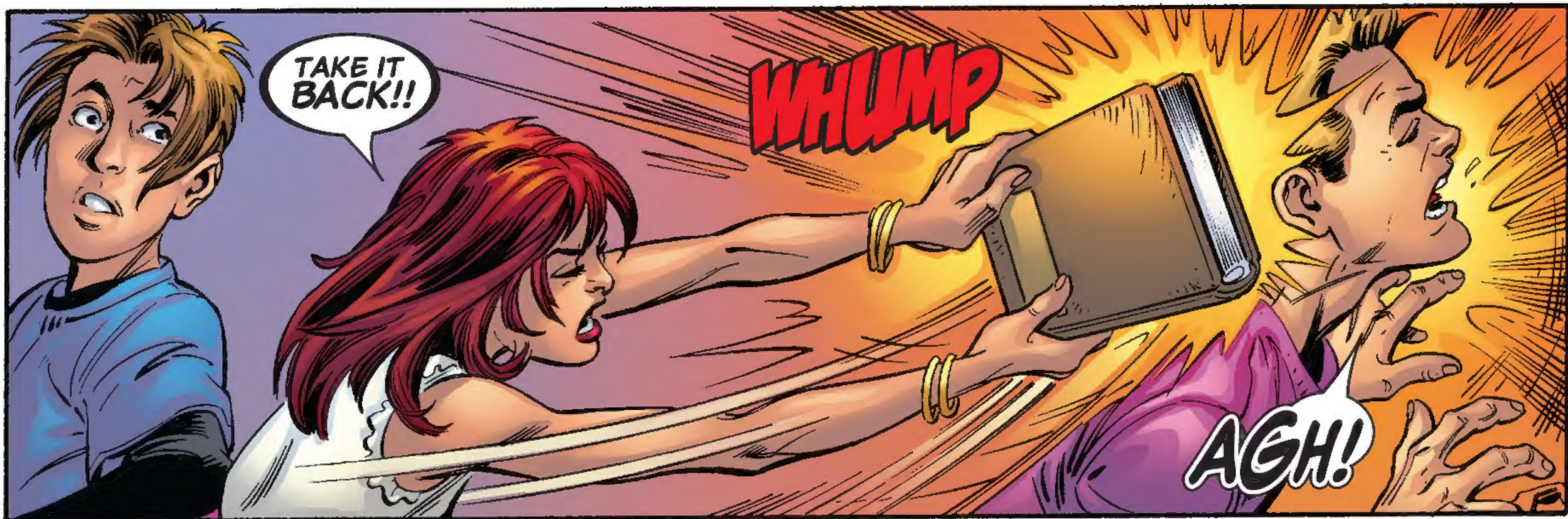
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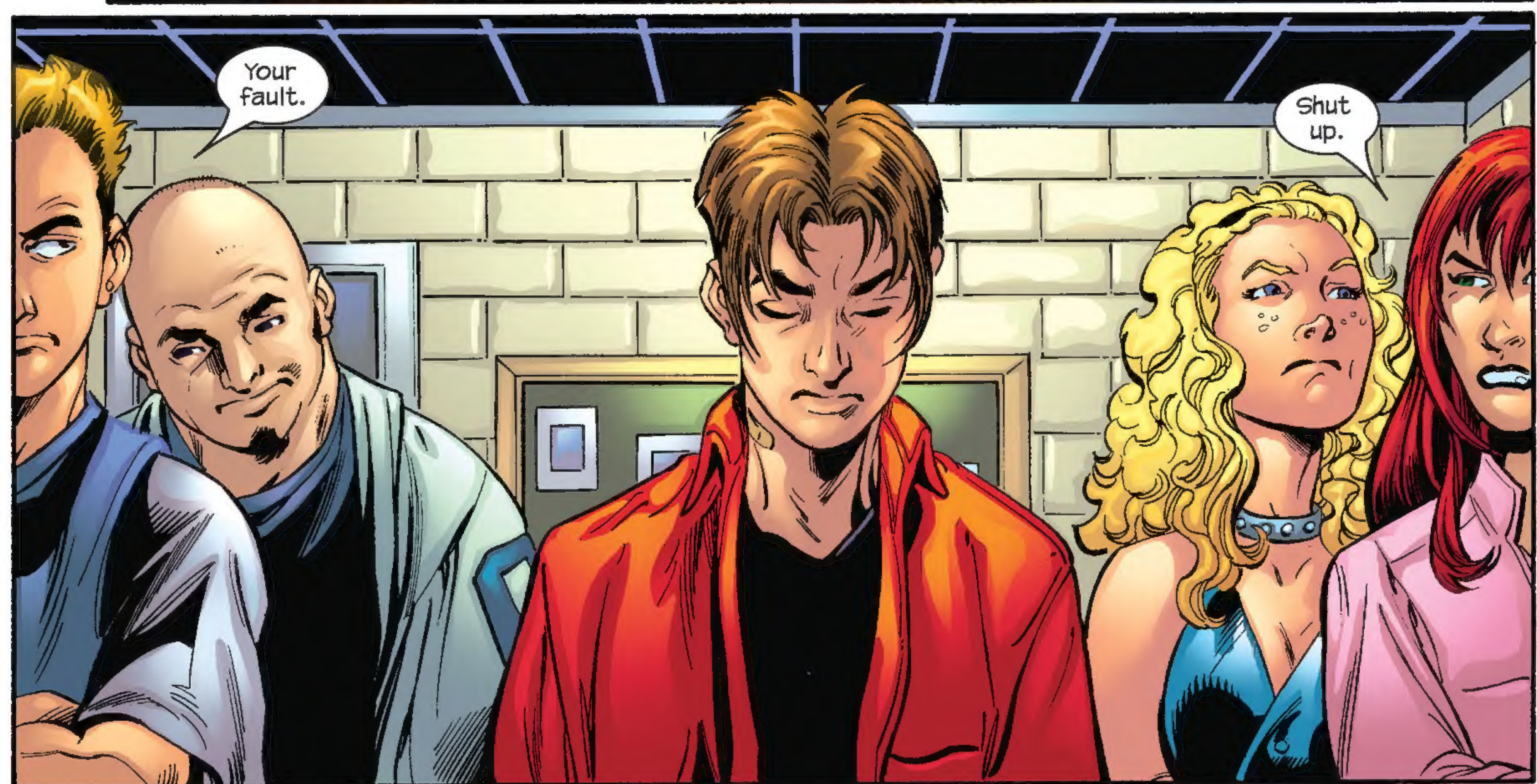
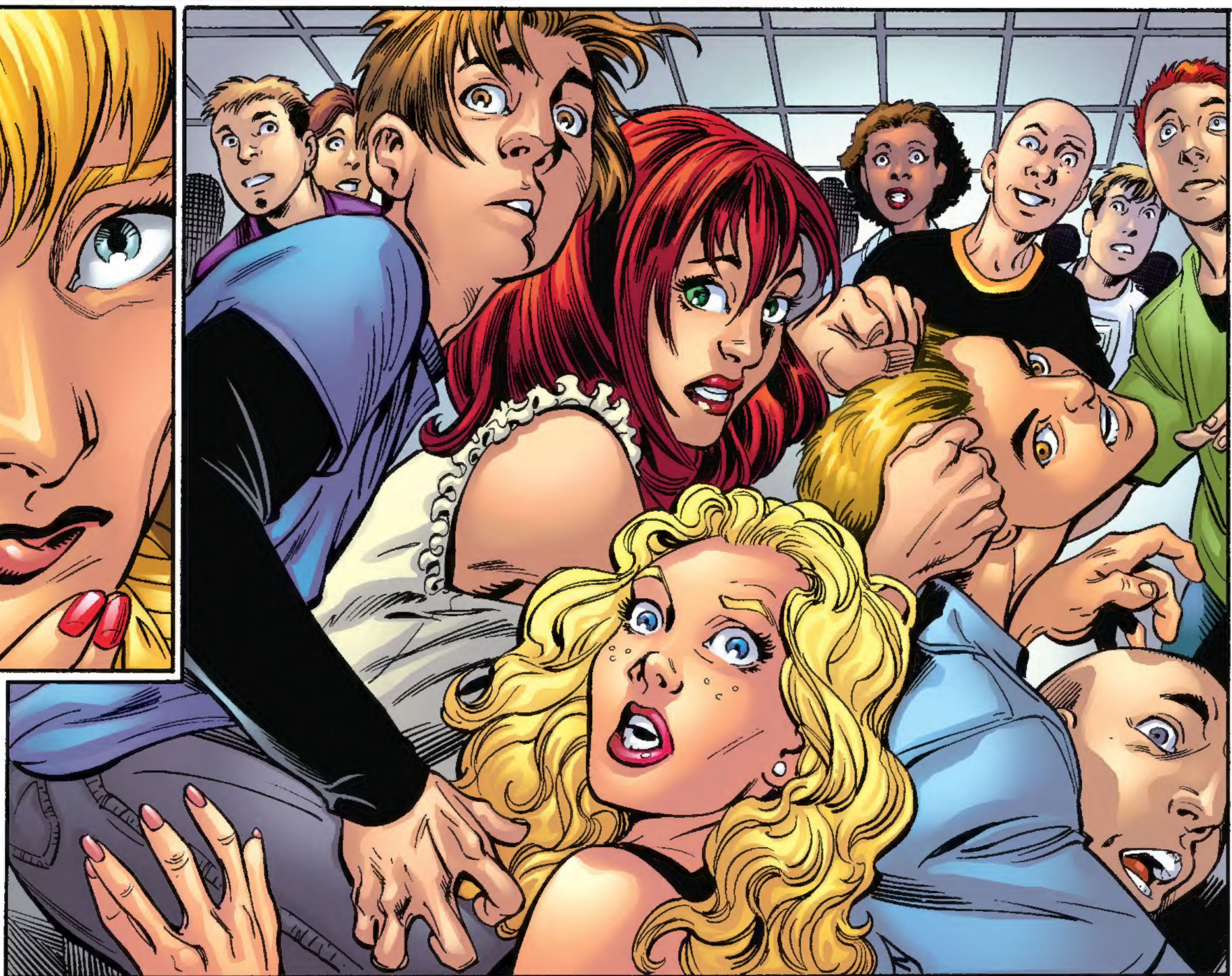
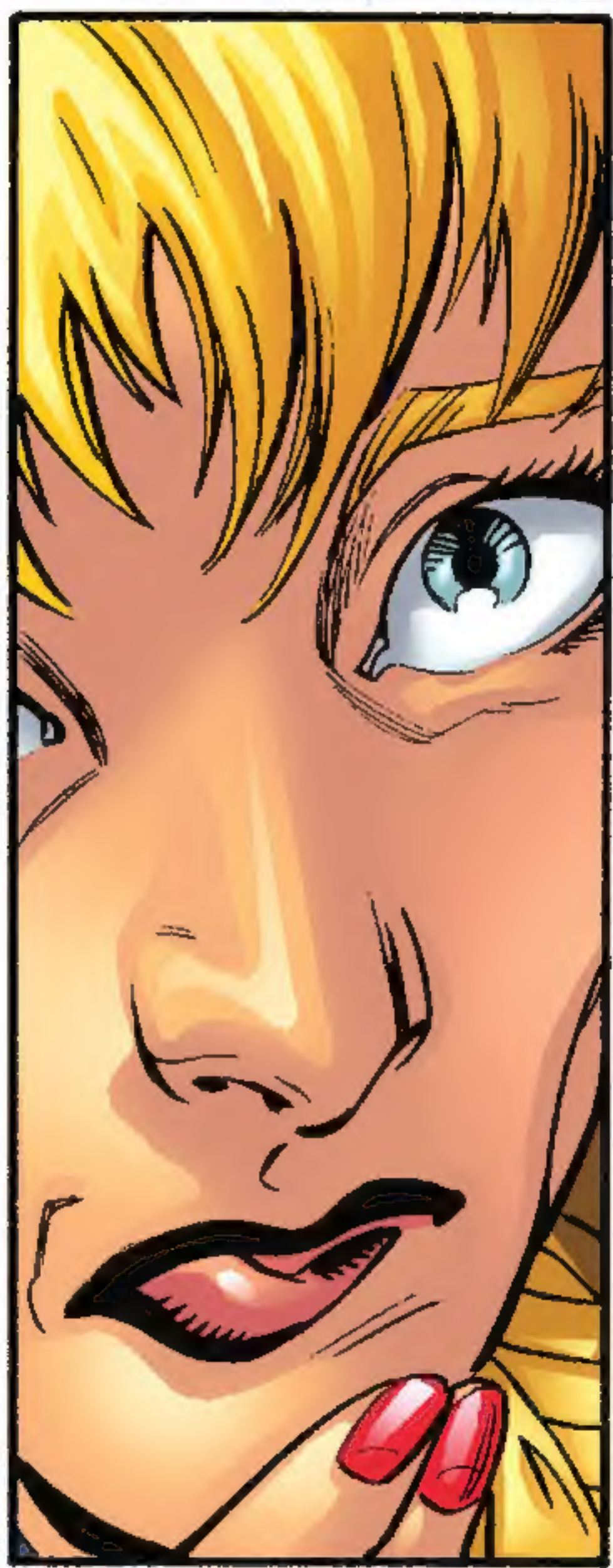
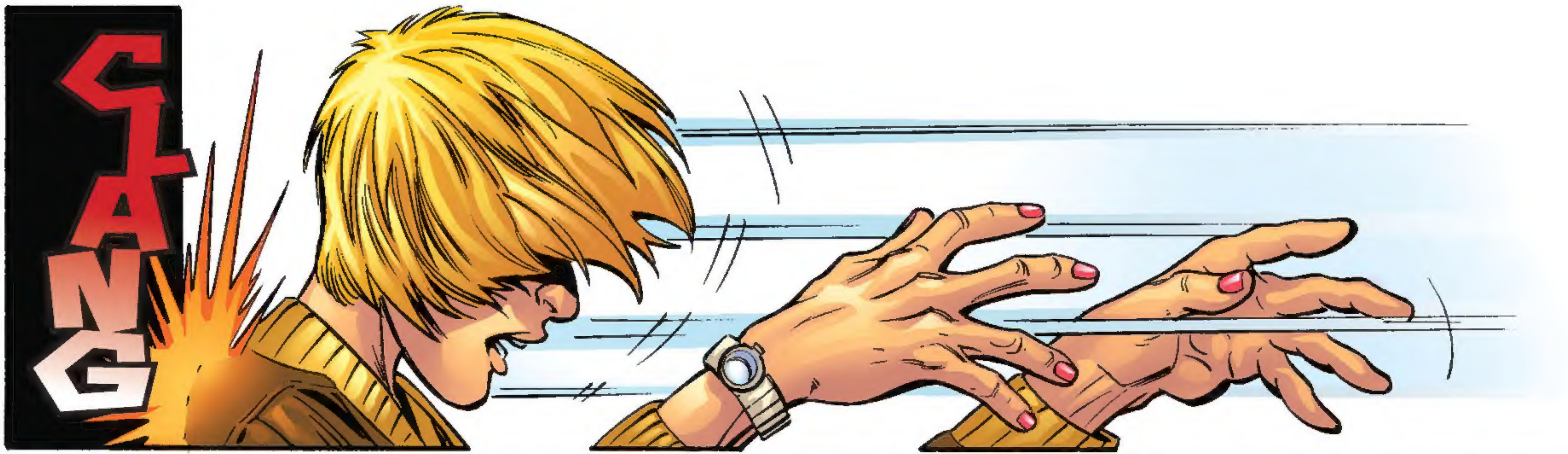


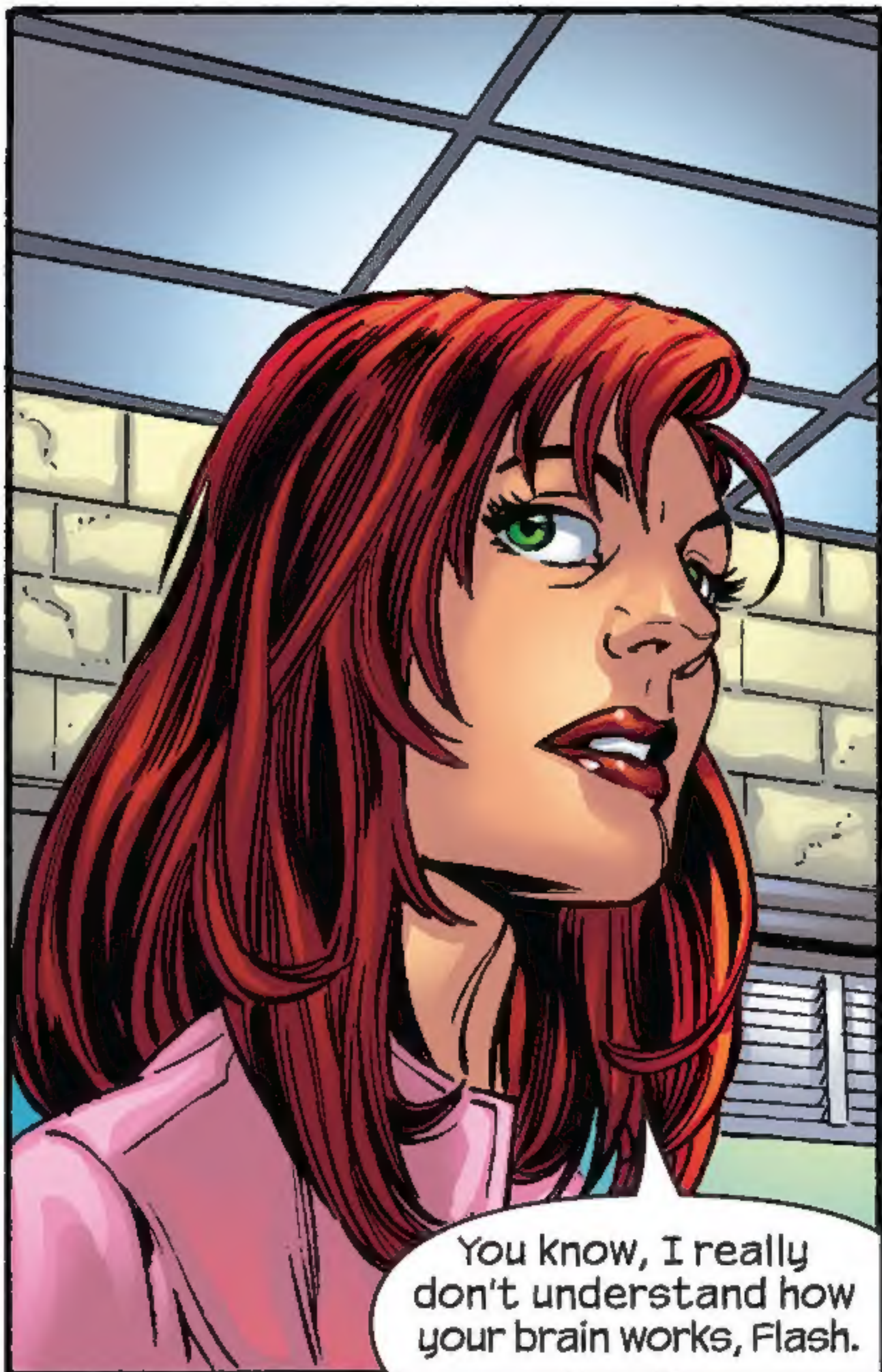












You know, I really don't understand how your brain works, Flash.



No. I'm asking- seriously, none of your usual macho crap--

I'm asking you, human being to human being: Why do you *act* this way?

I mean, I know you act this way to, like, get *attention* and stuff.

But, I mean, a girl *died*.
Someone you know... *died*!



She's dead.

Gwen's dead and you just keep busting on everyone like it's some big funny ha-ha.

I really want to know... *why* are you doing this?



You know what, Mom?

How about you pretend you know how to *not talk* for the rest of the day?

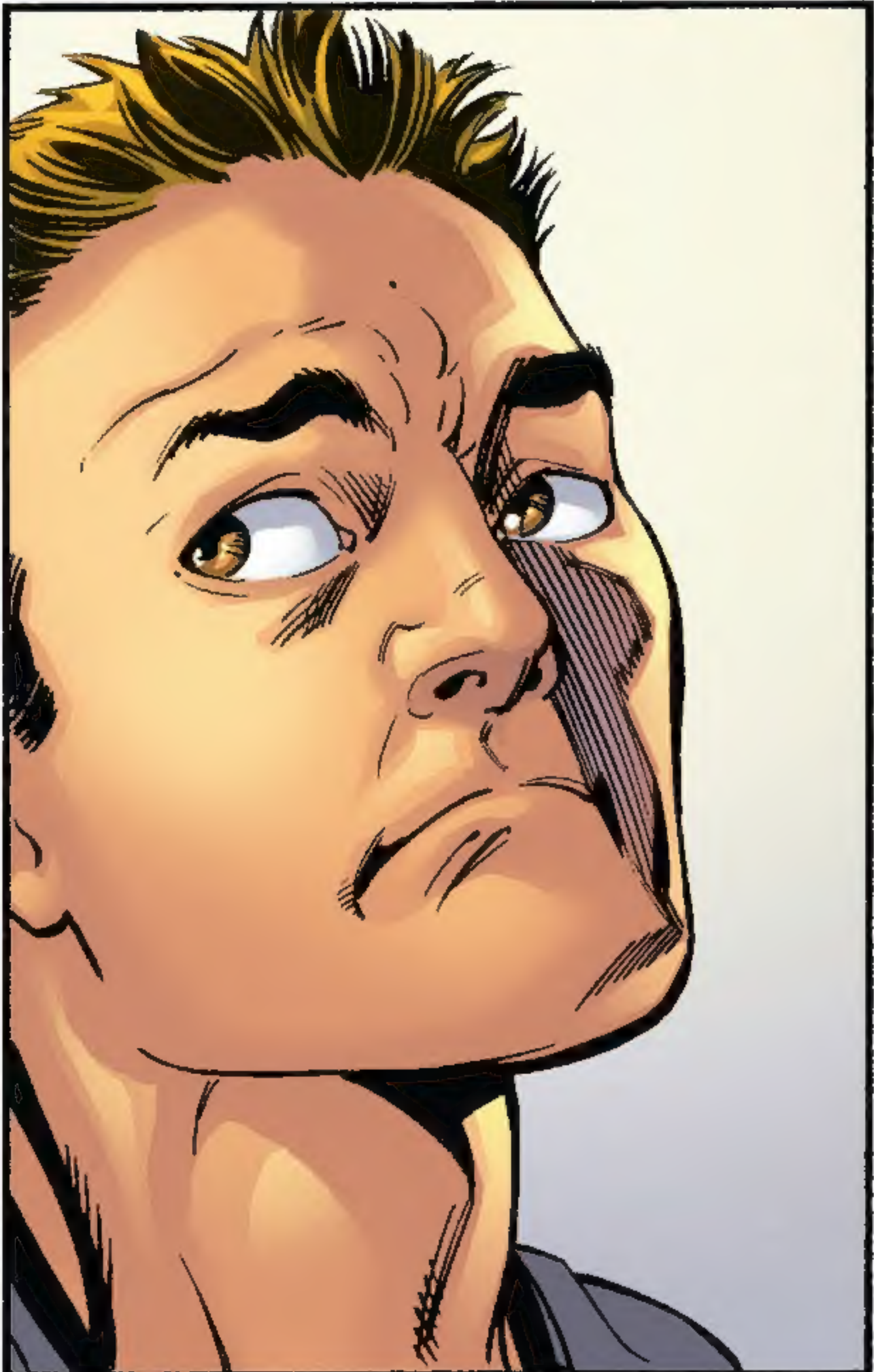
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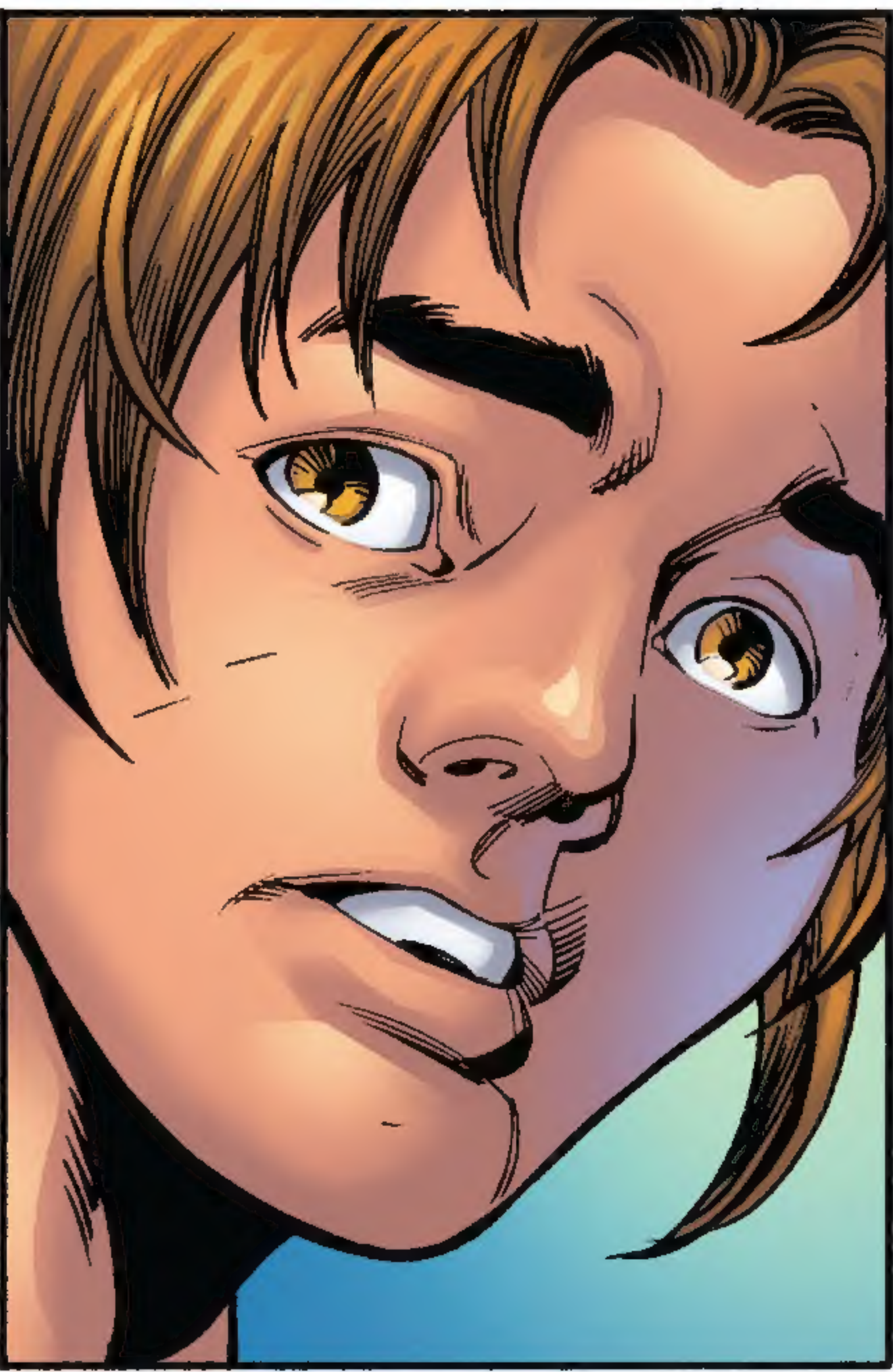
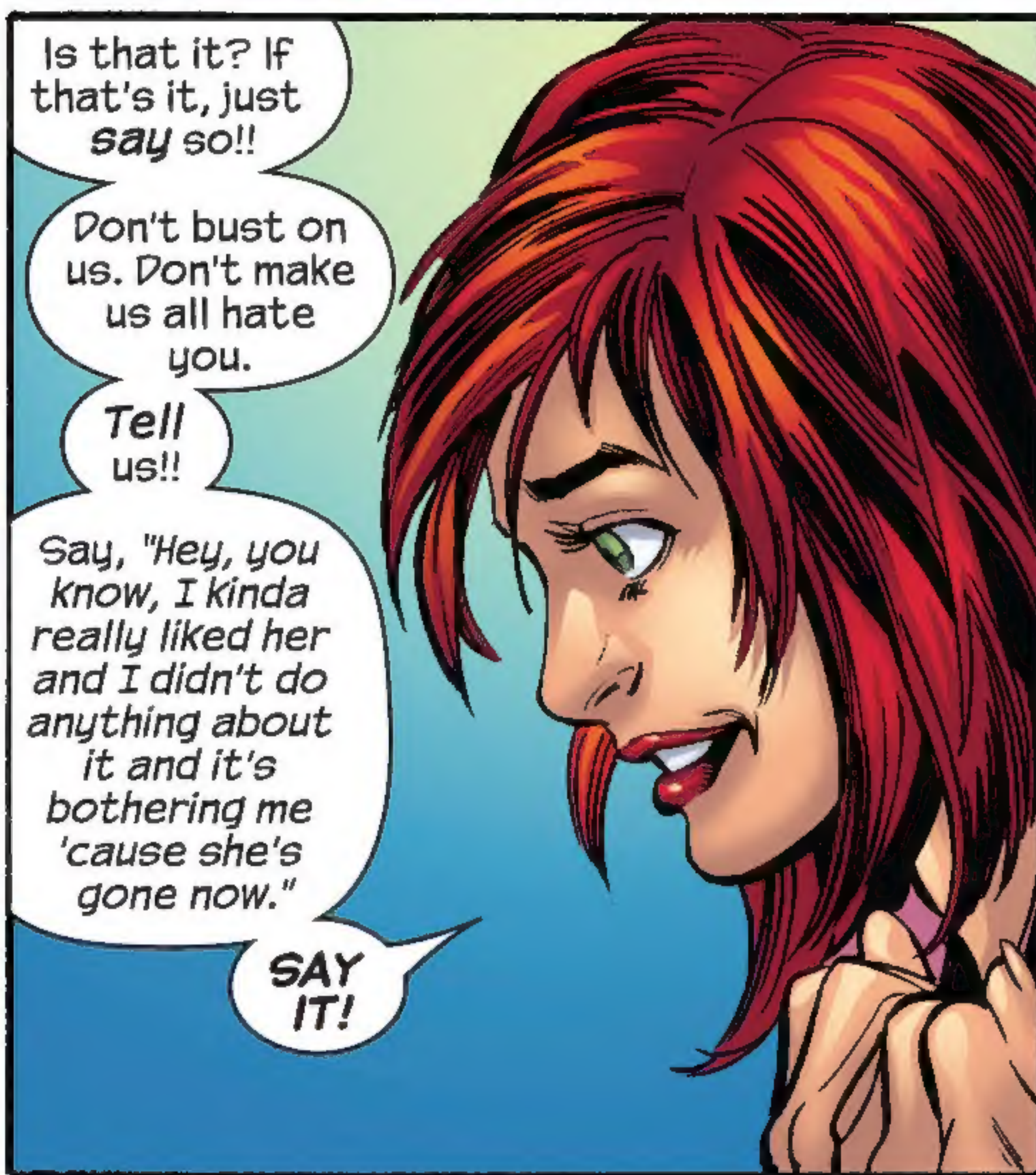


No. Flash. Fred...

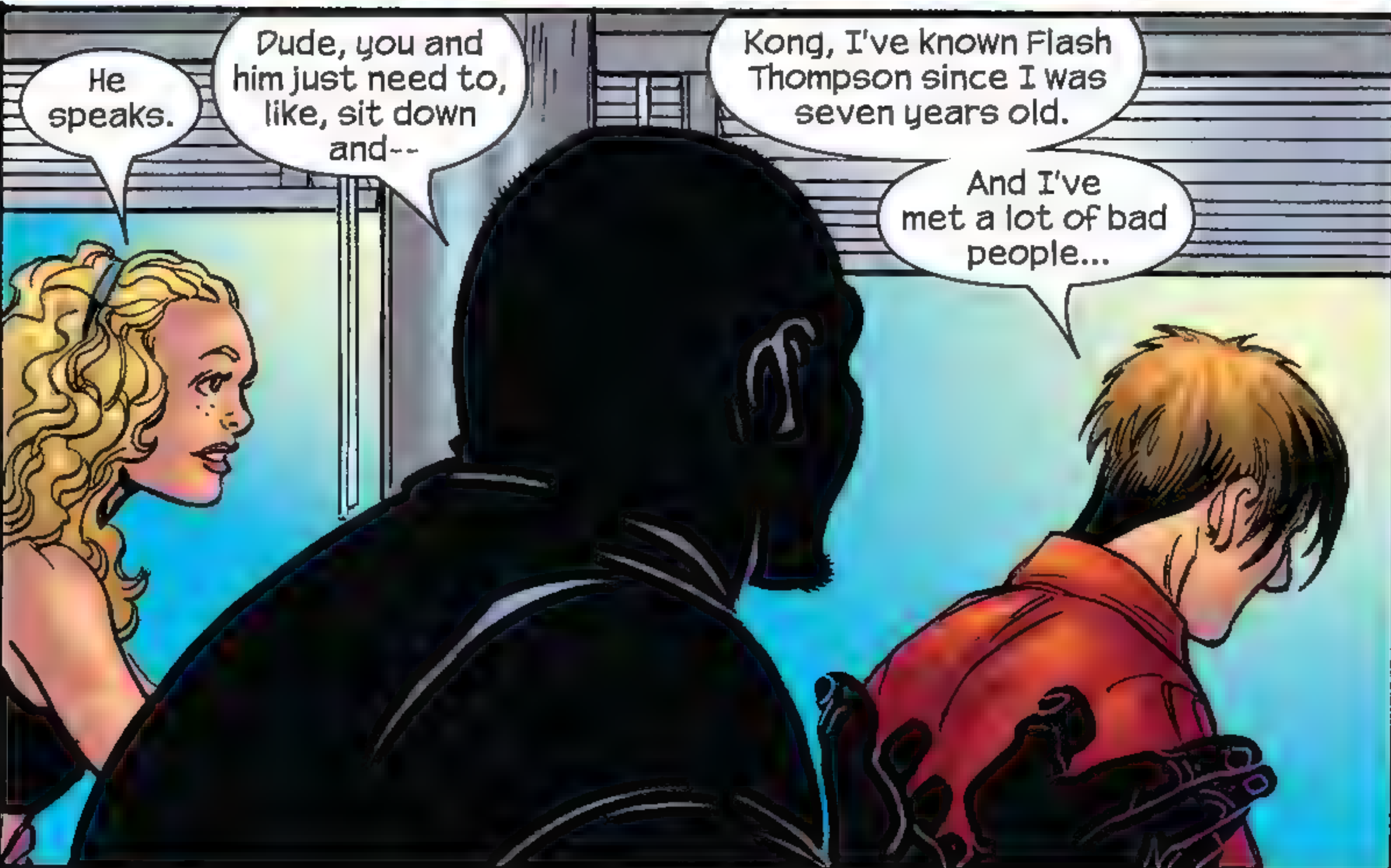
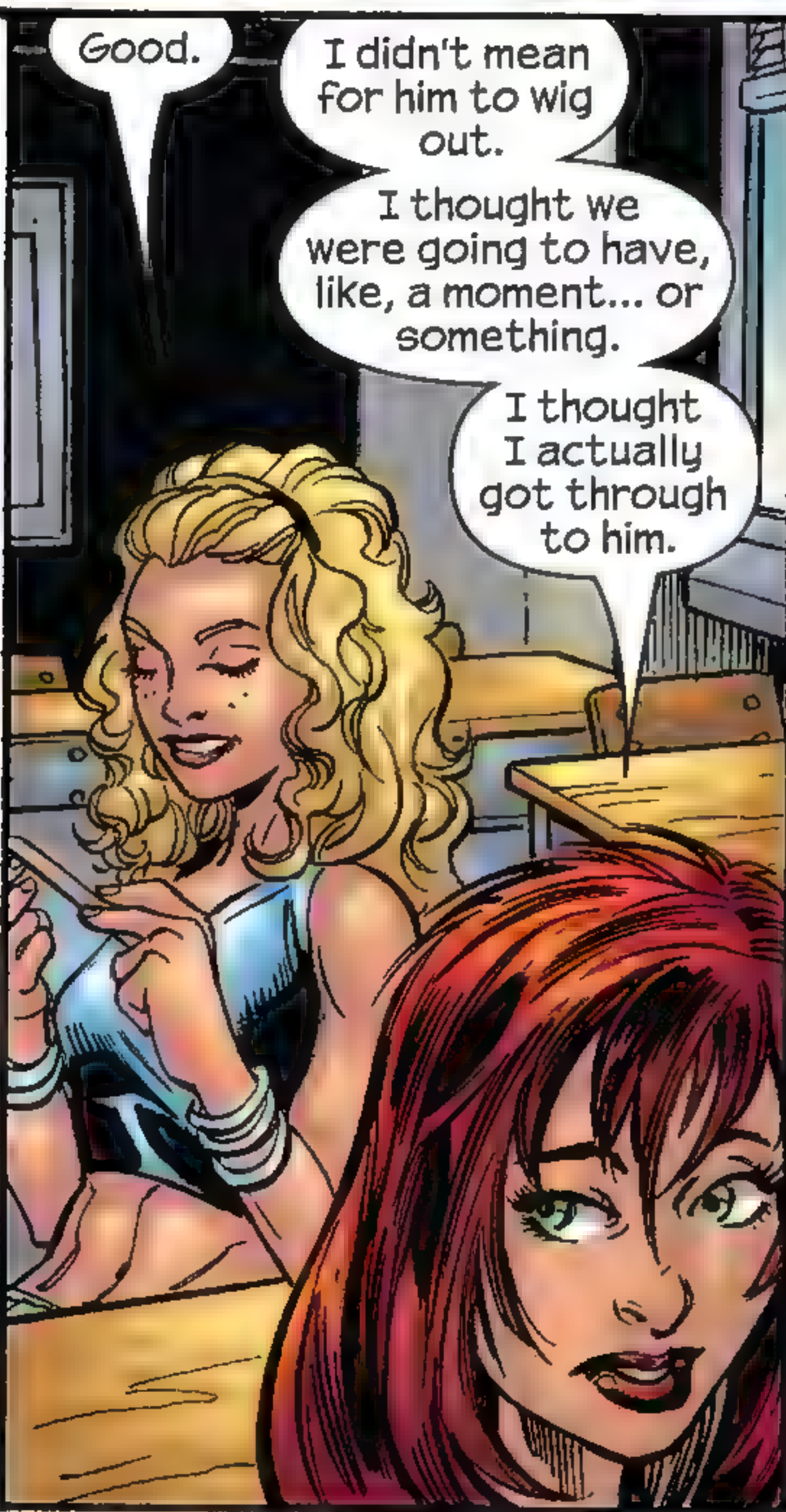
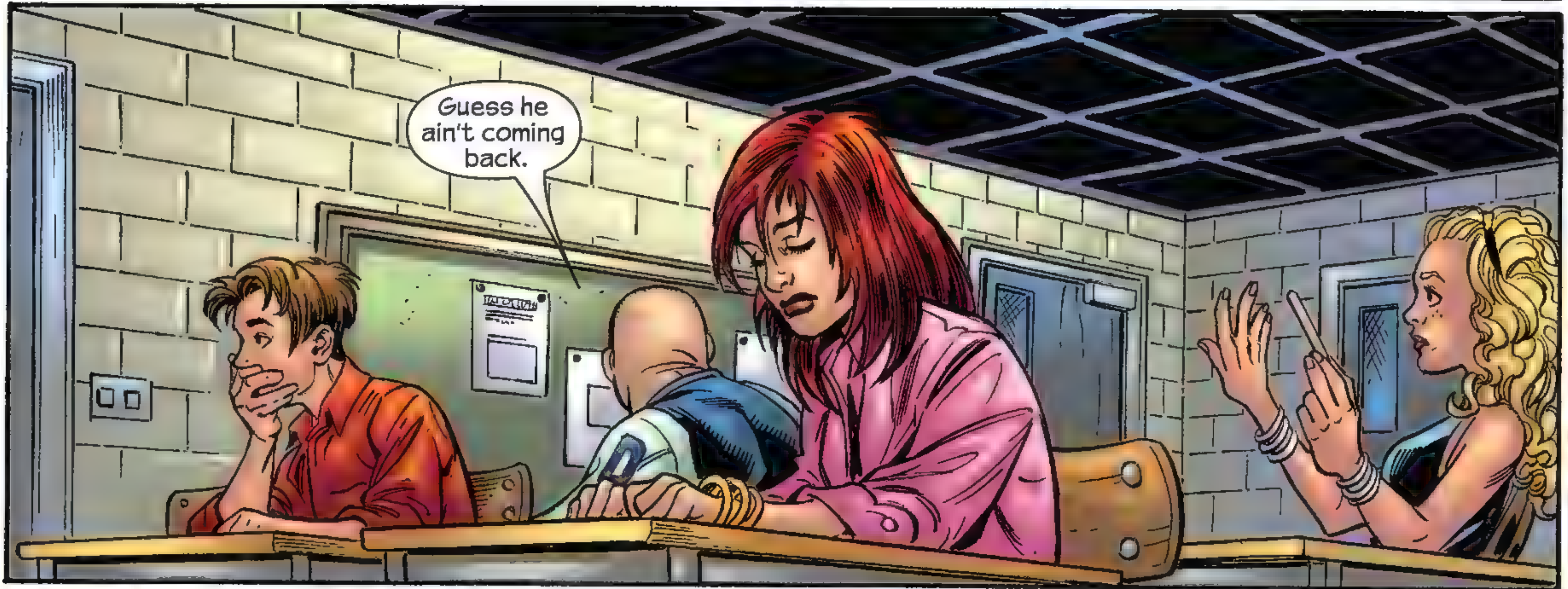
I really want to know.

Why are you being so obnoxious to us about this? Why don't you care?





Three hours later.





Sure, now he's just--

He's just "*one of those guys*" who likes to bust on everyone.

Takes his shots, gives a wedgie, dumps a bucket of something on someone... and *everyone* laughs.



Just jokes, right?

He gets to say and do whatever he wants because he has a basketball jacket and a nice haircut...

Because, really, in this world... I guess all you *need* is a nice haircut.

But here's the thing...

He's going to grow up.



He's going to become a man.

And because *you* have rewarded him for his behavior year after year after year...

Because his parents don't seem to care...

Because *all* he knows now is that it's okay to act this way, to treat people like this...

...he's going to grow up to be a *full-grown*...



...greedy, mean, selfish liar.

The world is *filled* with them.

The world is being *run* by them.

And your "*friend*" is one of them.

You need to learn this and learn it fast.

This *is* the world.



This is why Gwen is dead. This is why Harry is gone.

This is why half of us don't have parents anymore!

Because good people don't get to be *happy*. And sometimes they don't get to *live*!



We just sit and wait for one of these evil two-faced, greedy liars to step on our heads!!



Me too?

Am I one of these people?

You too, what?

You're best friends with someone who treats you like crap.

He hangs around with you- I'm sorry, but he hangs around with you *solely* to make himself feel superior.

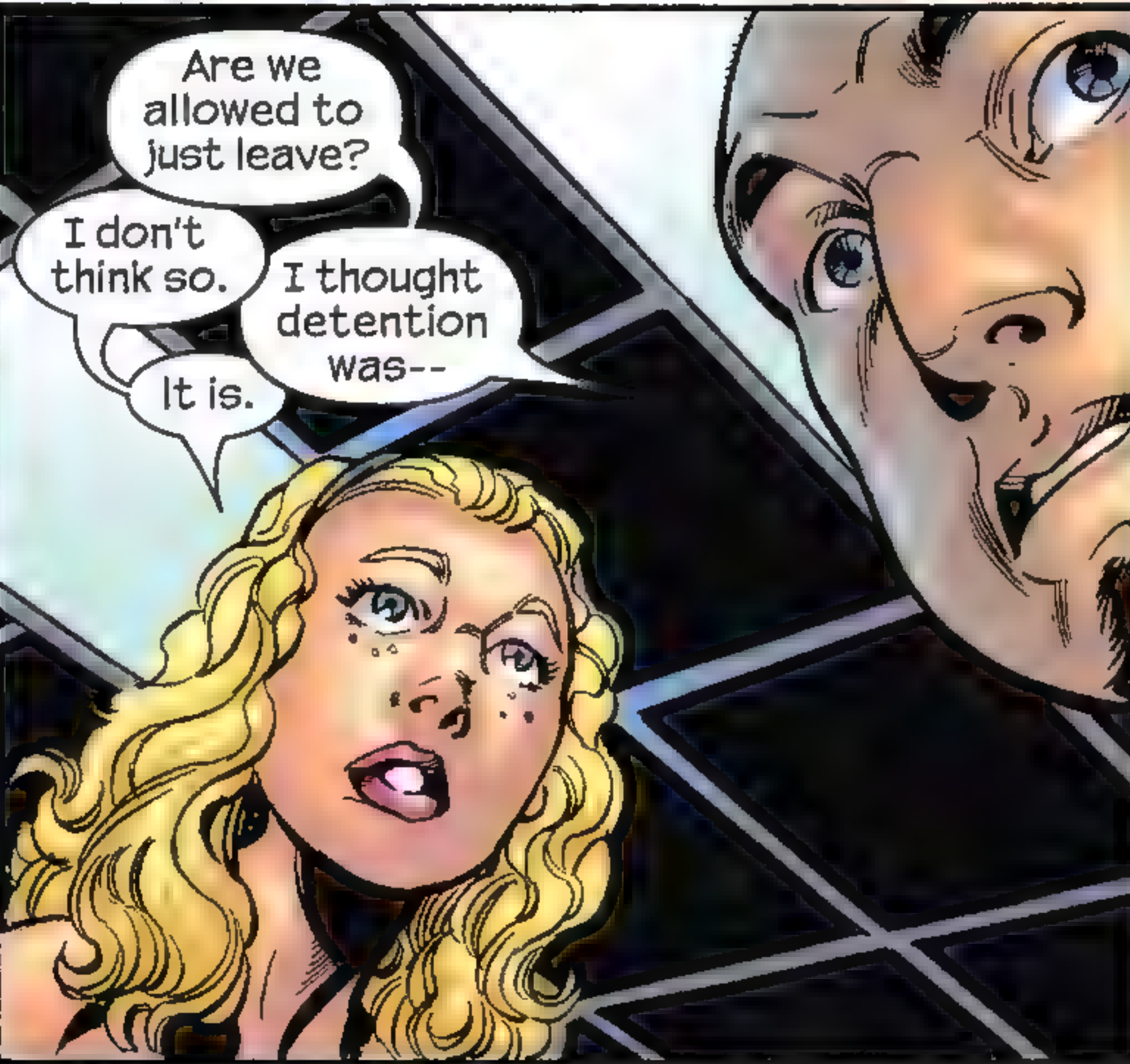
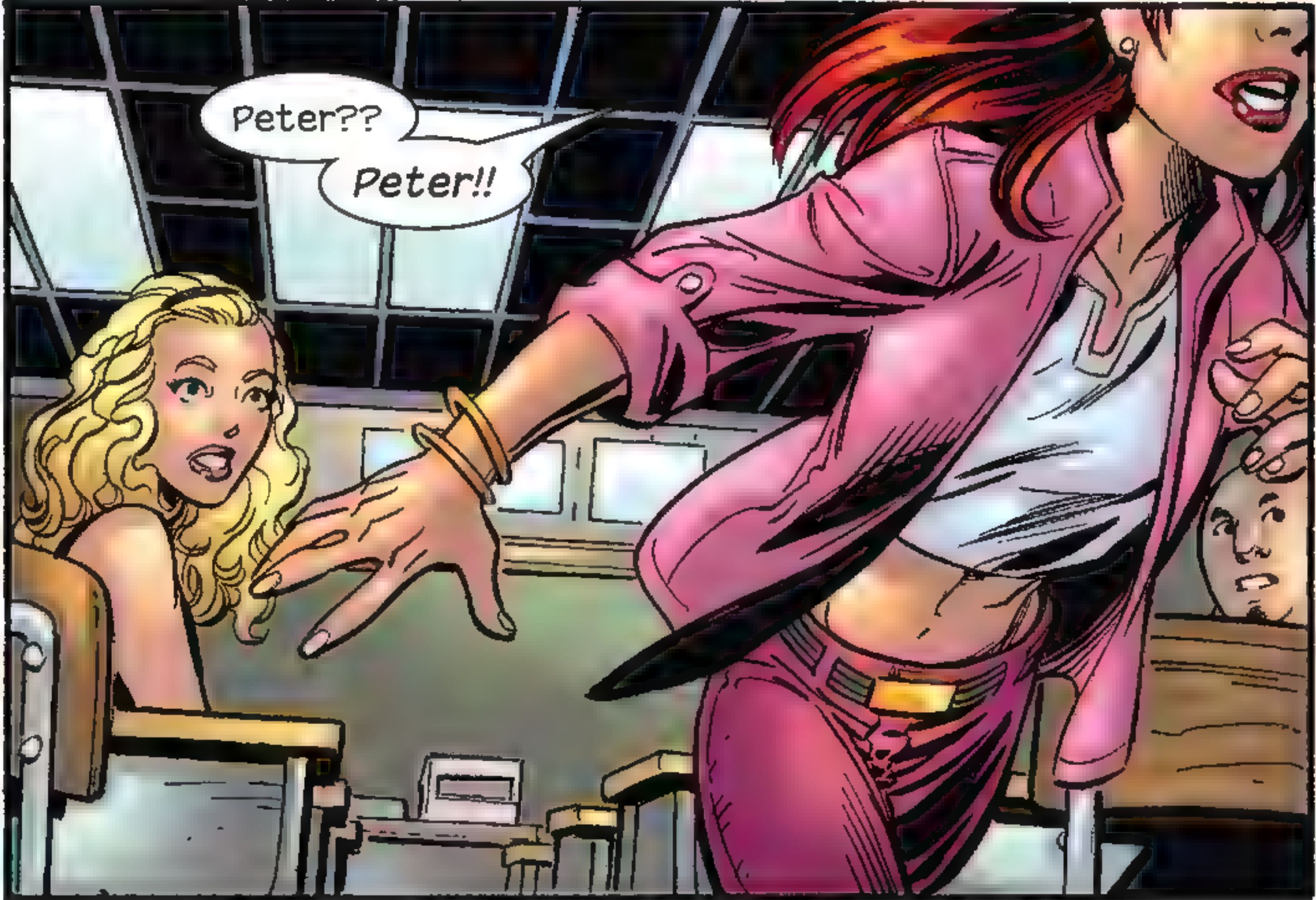
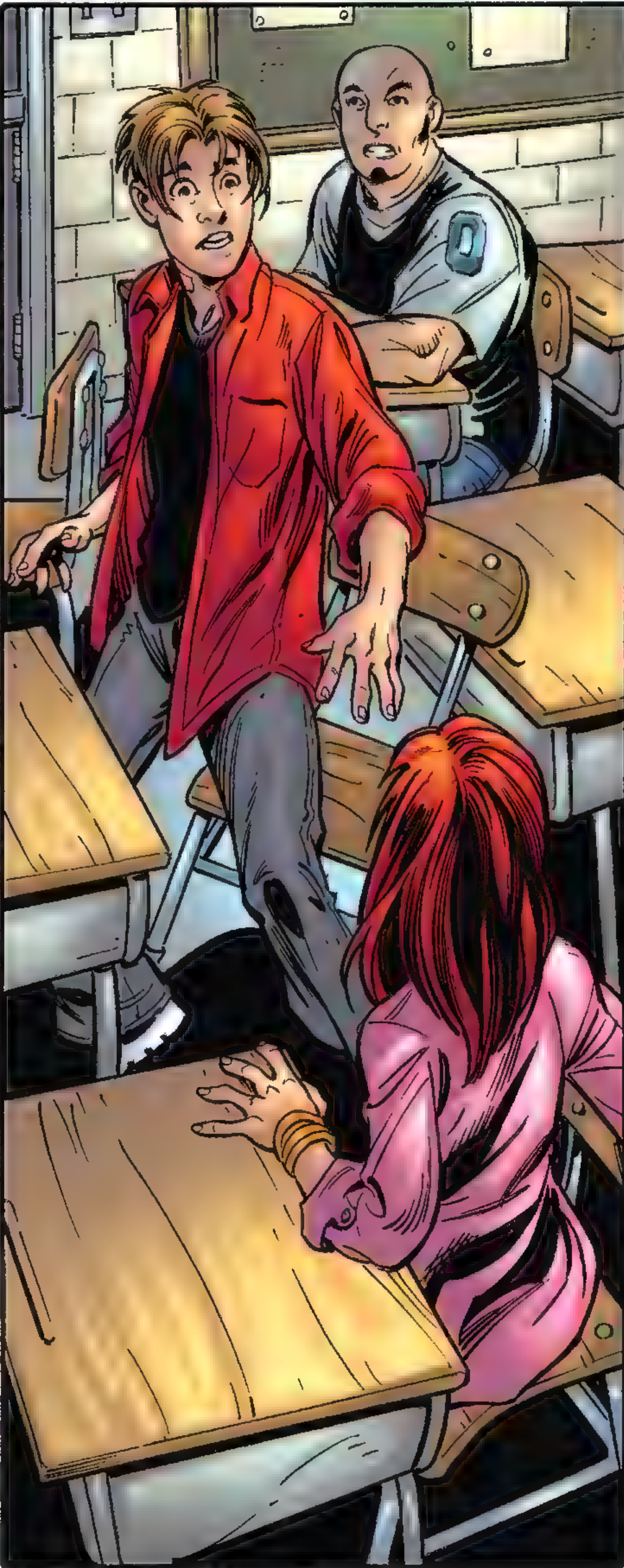
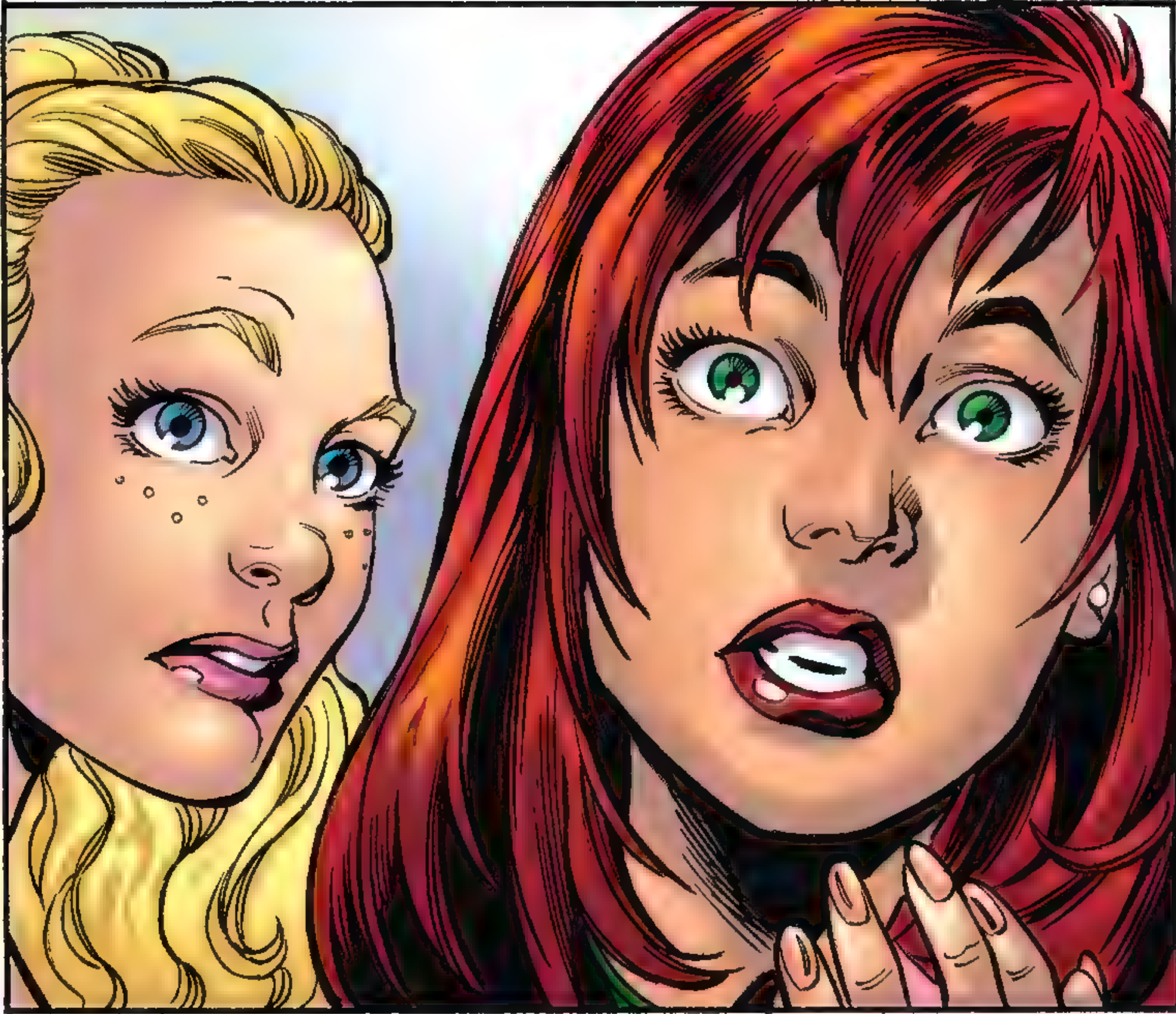
And the truth is- you are *ten* times the guy he is.

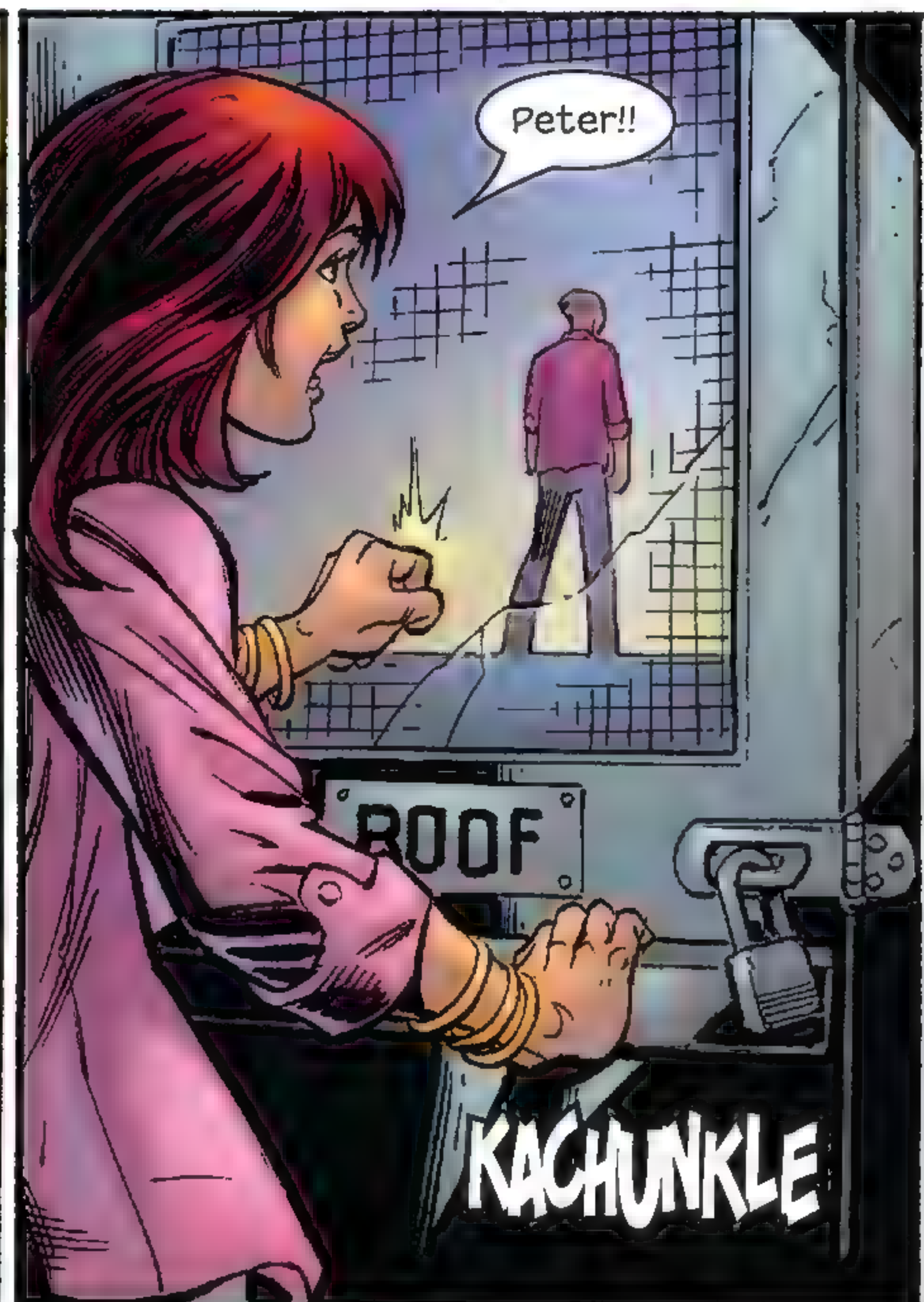
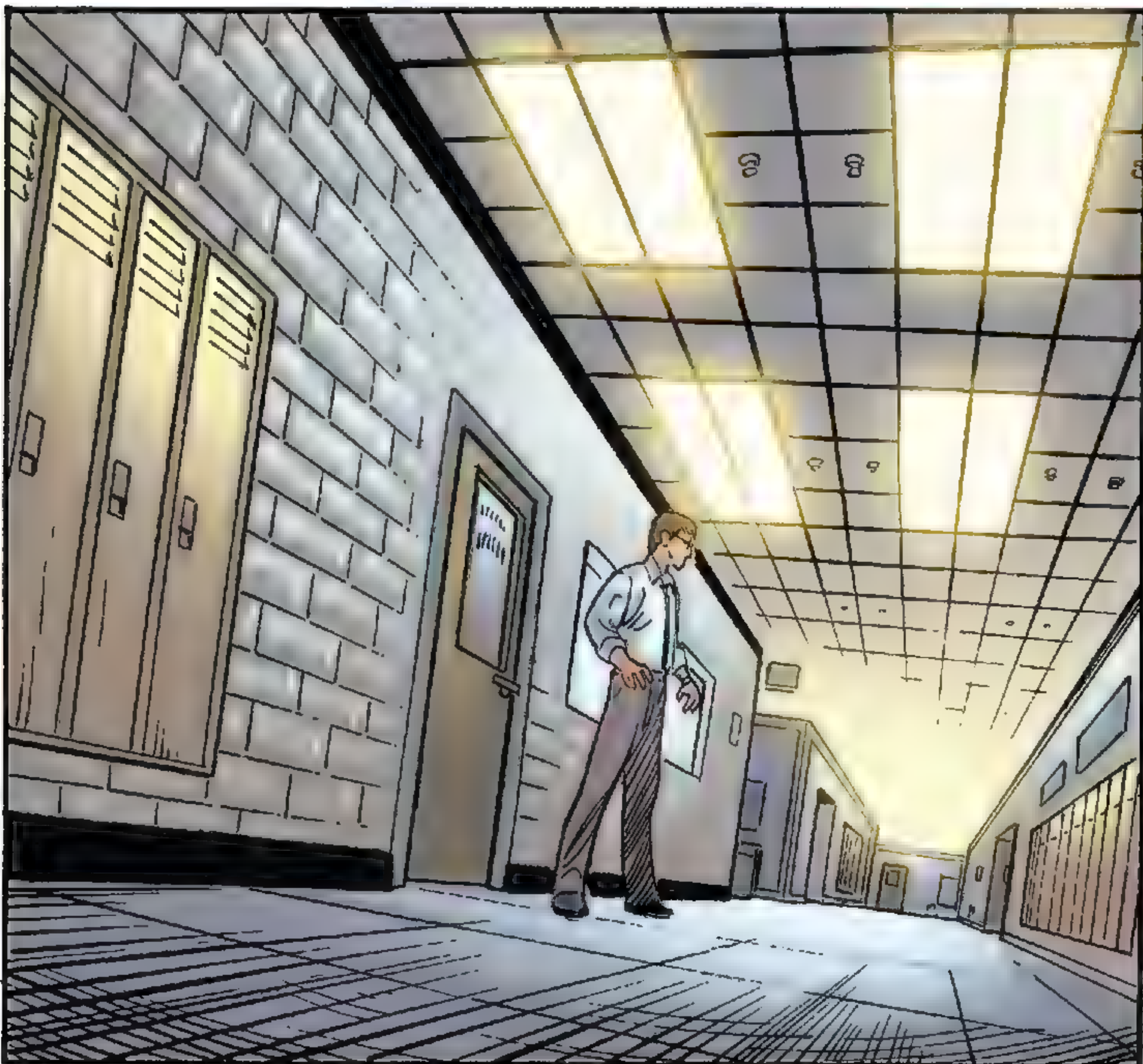
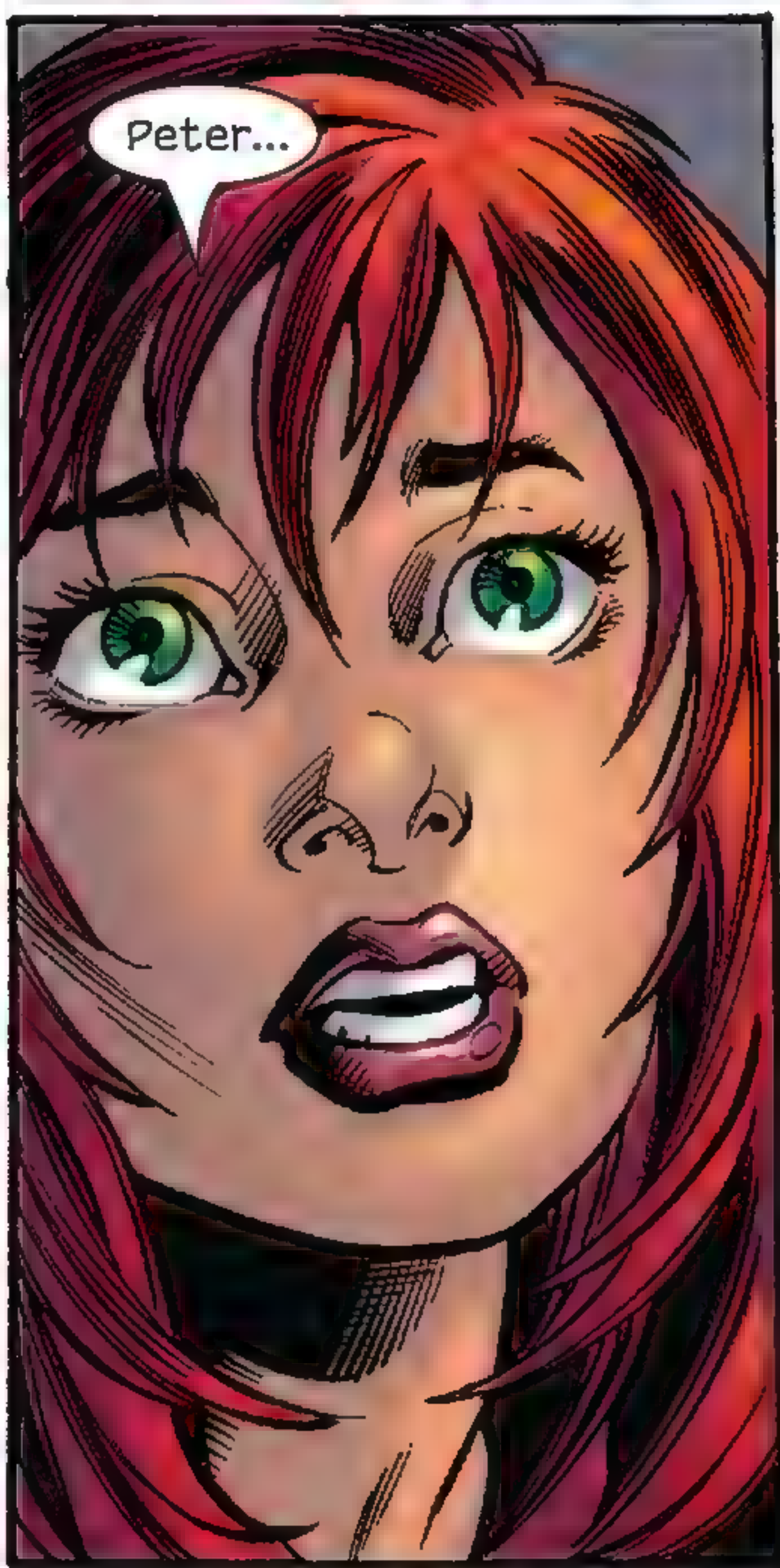
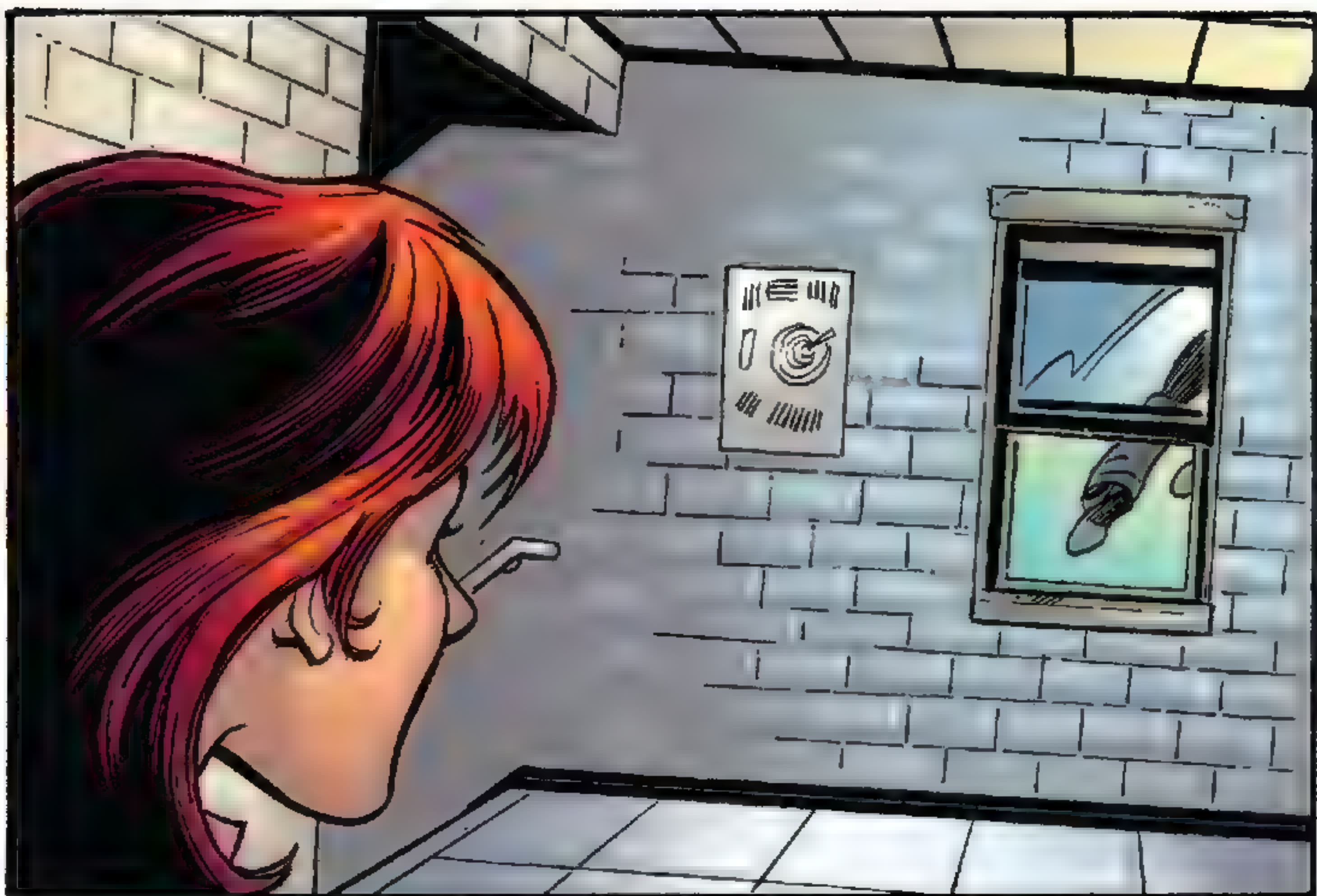
But you *let* him treat you like this. You *let* him.

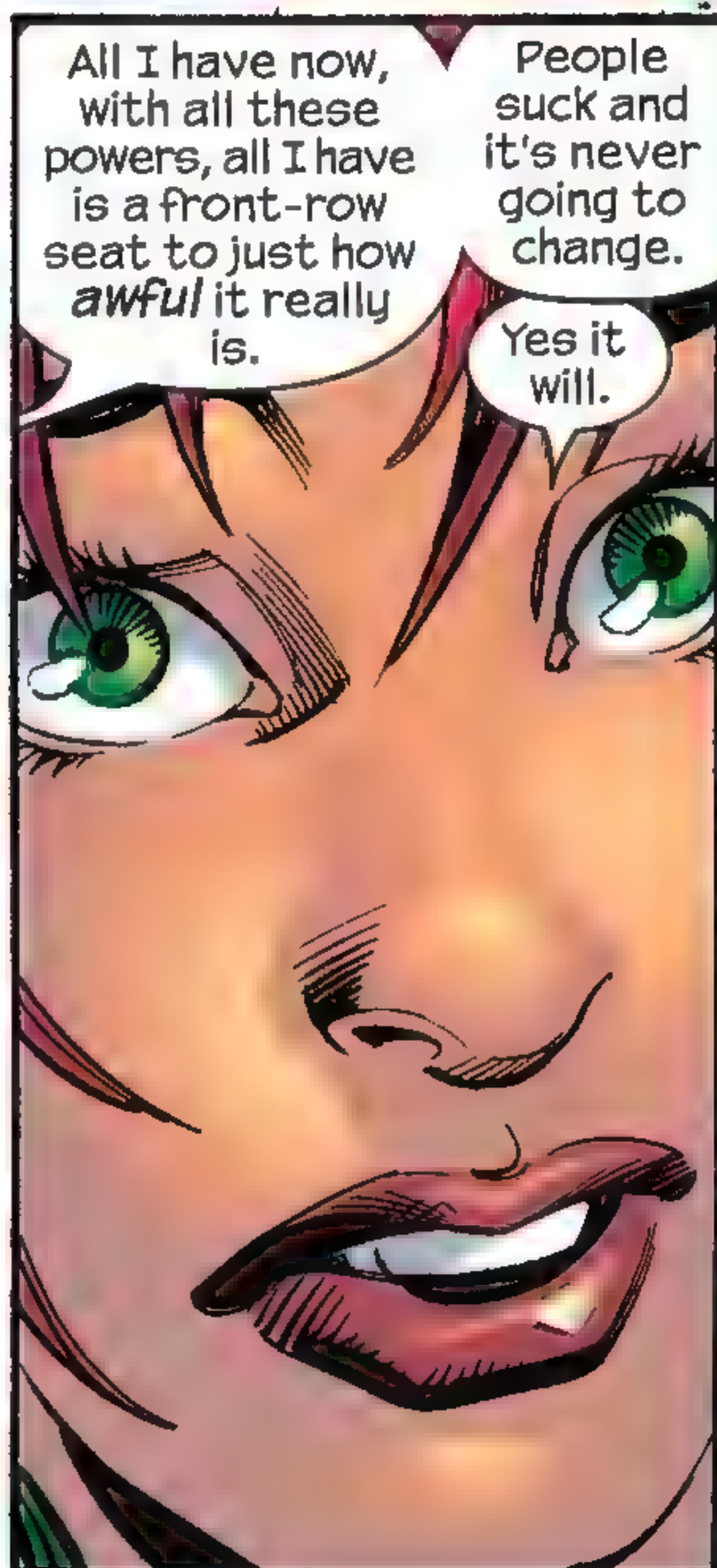
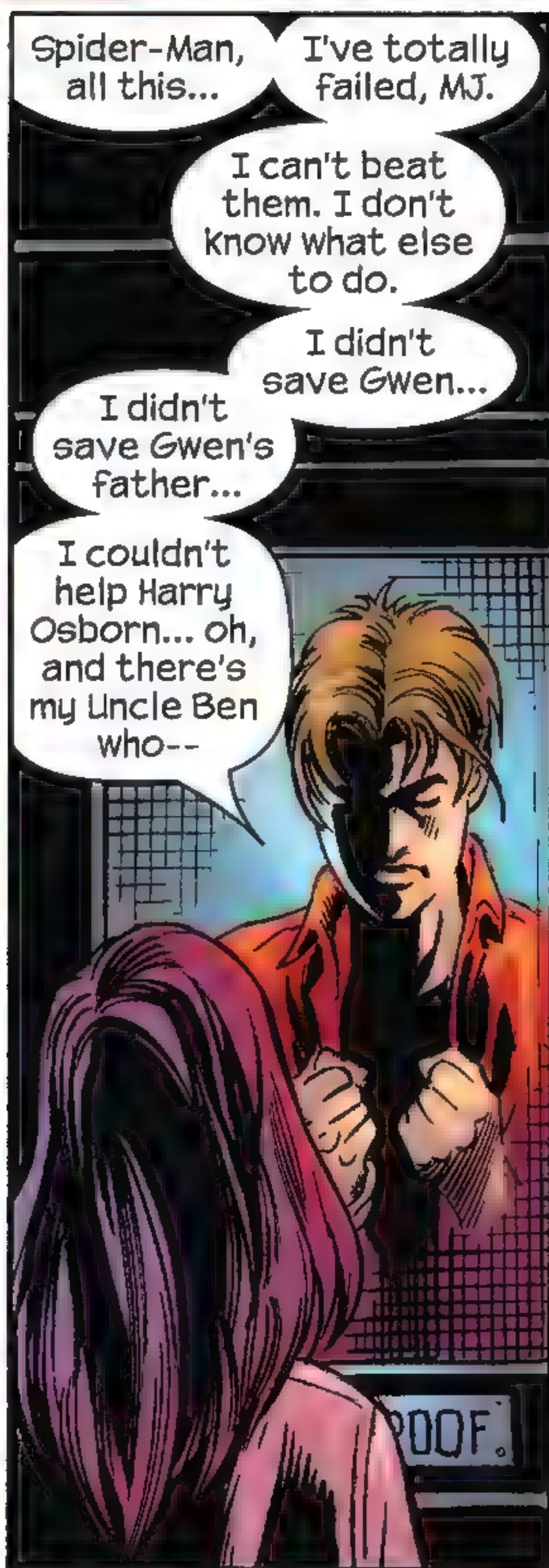
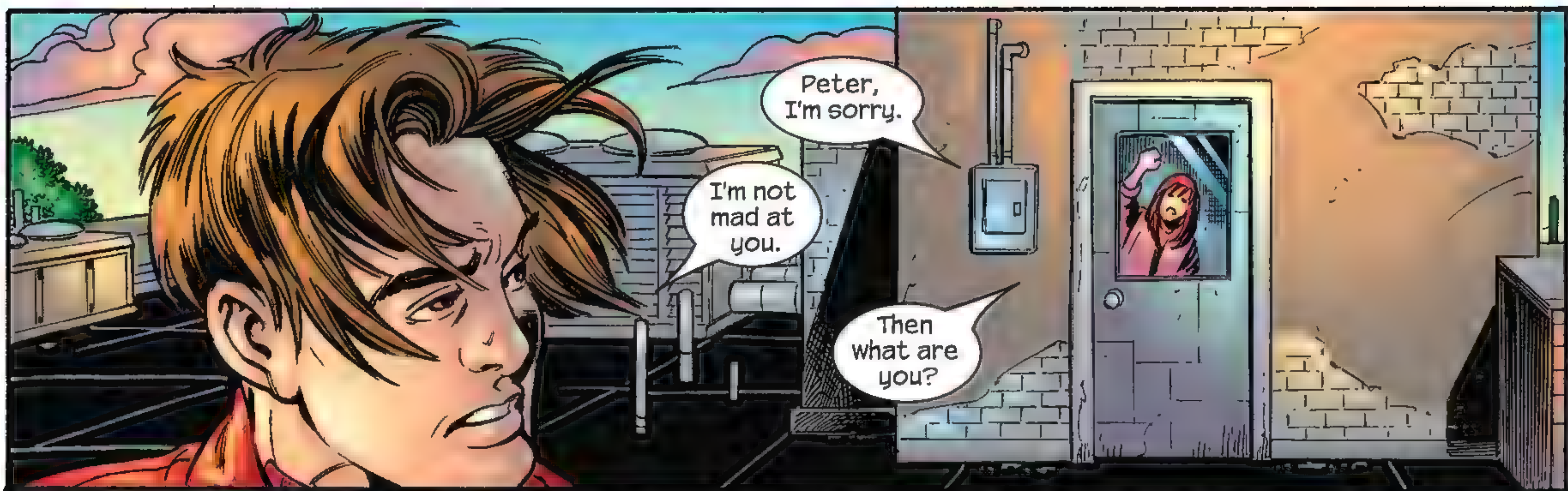


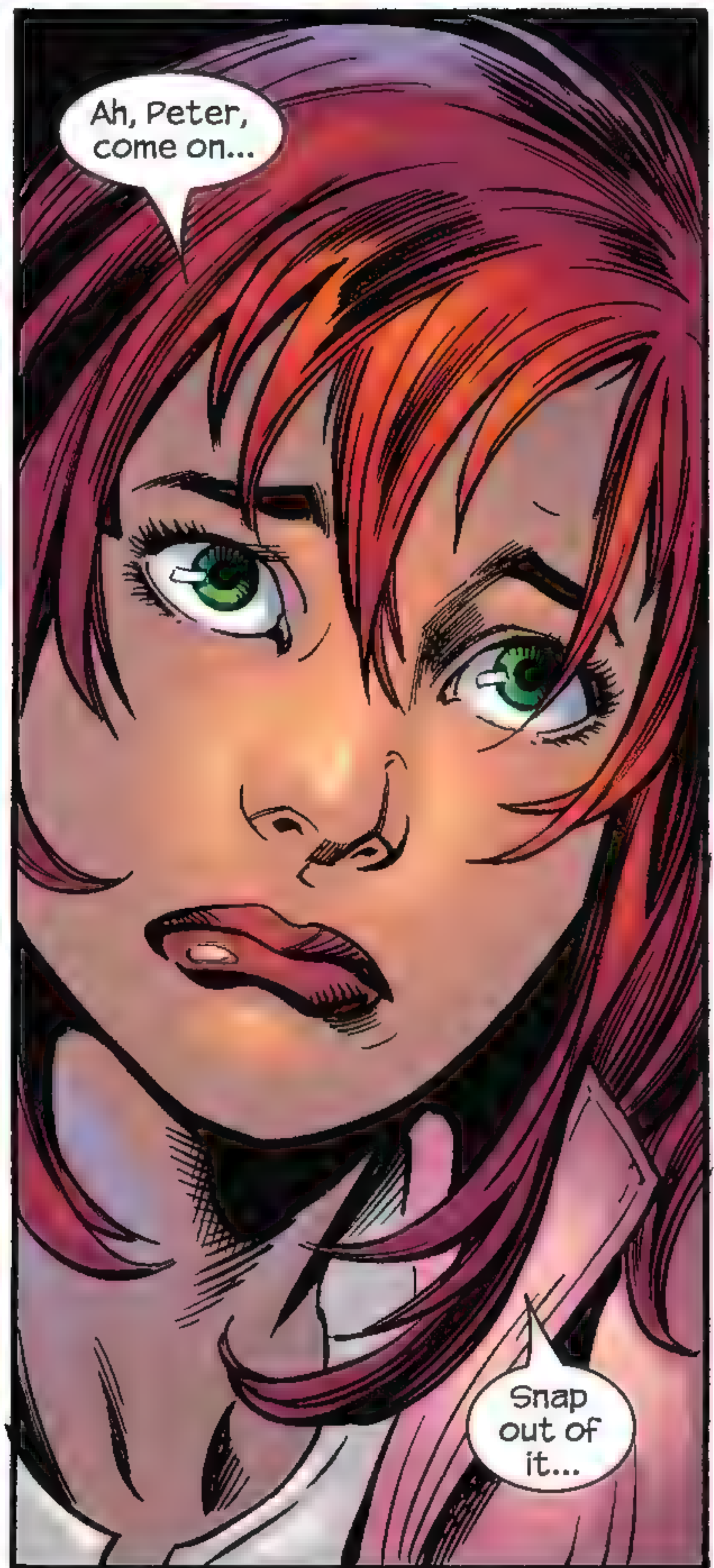
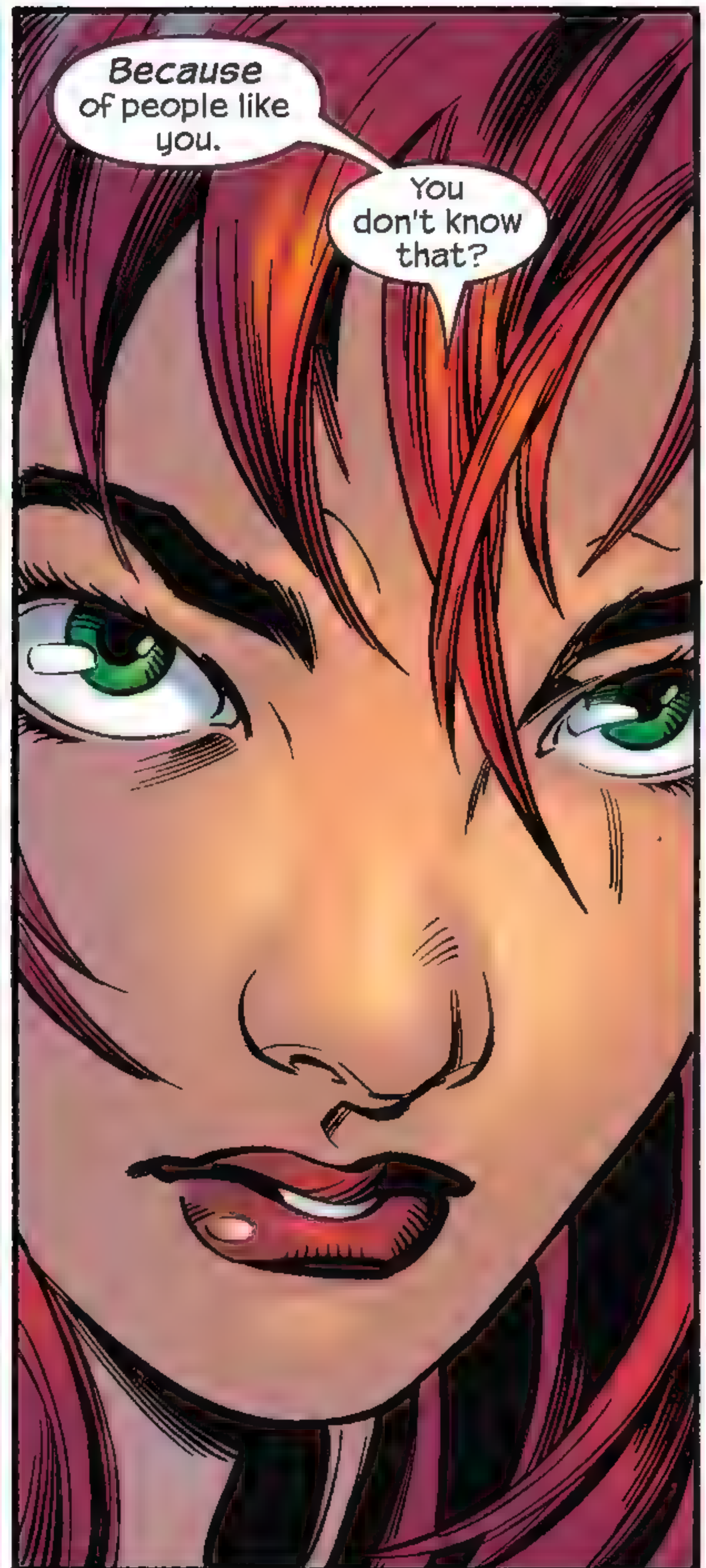
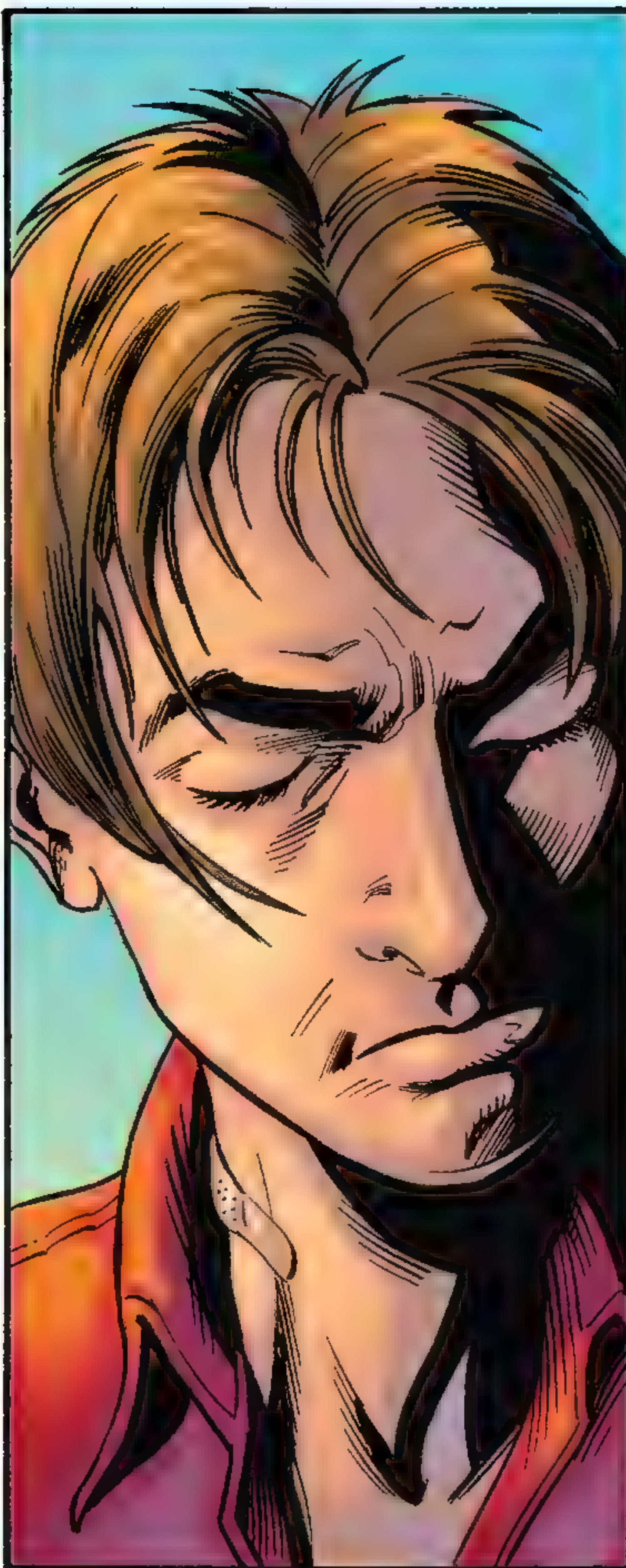
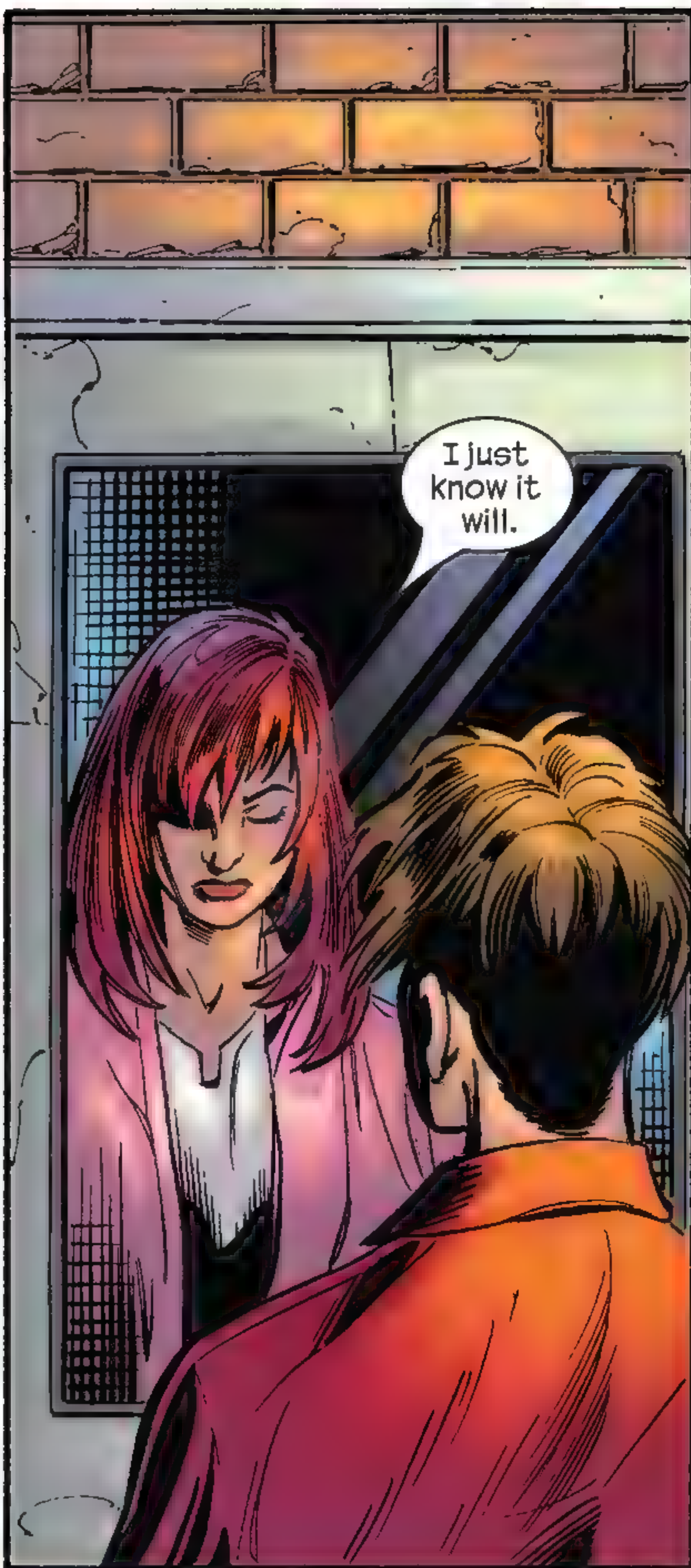
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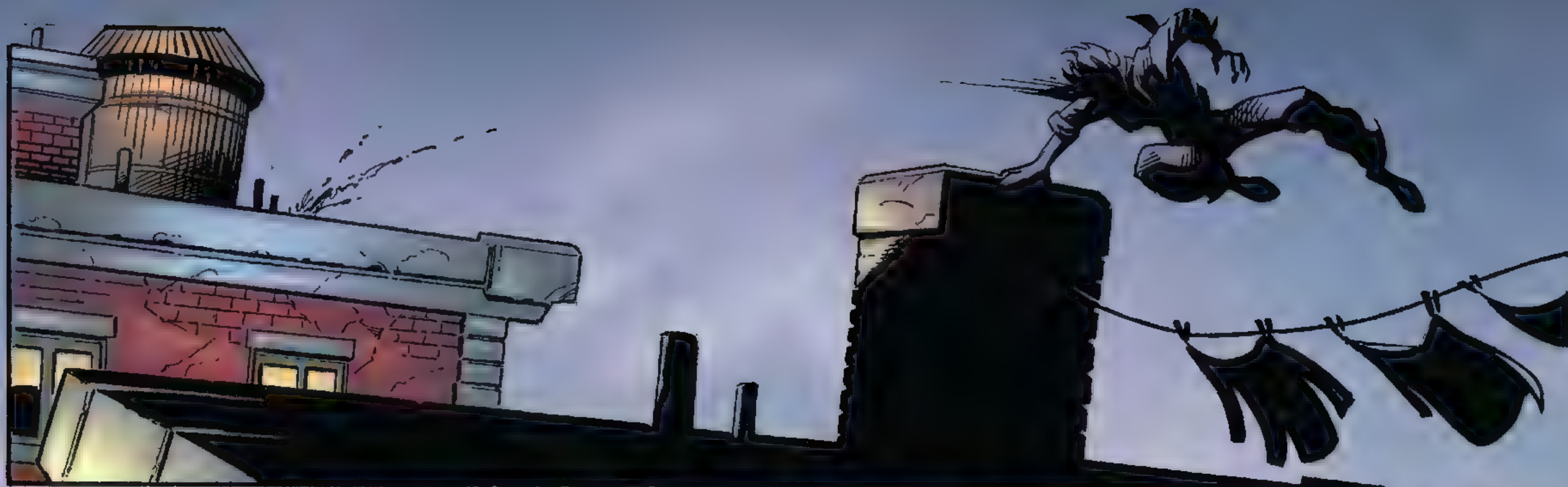
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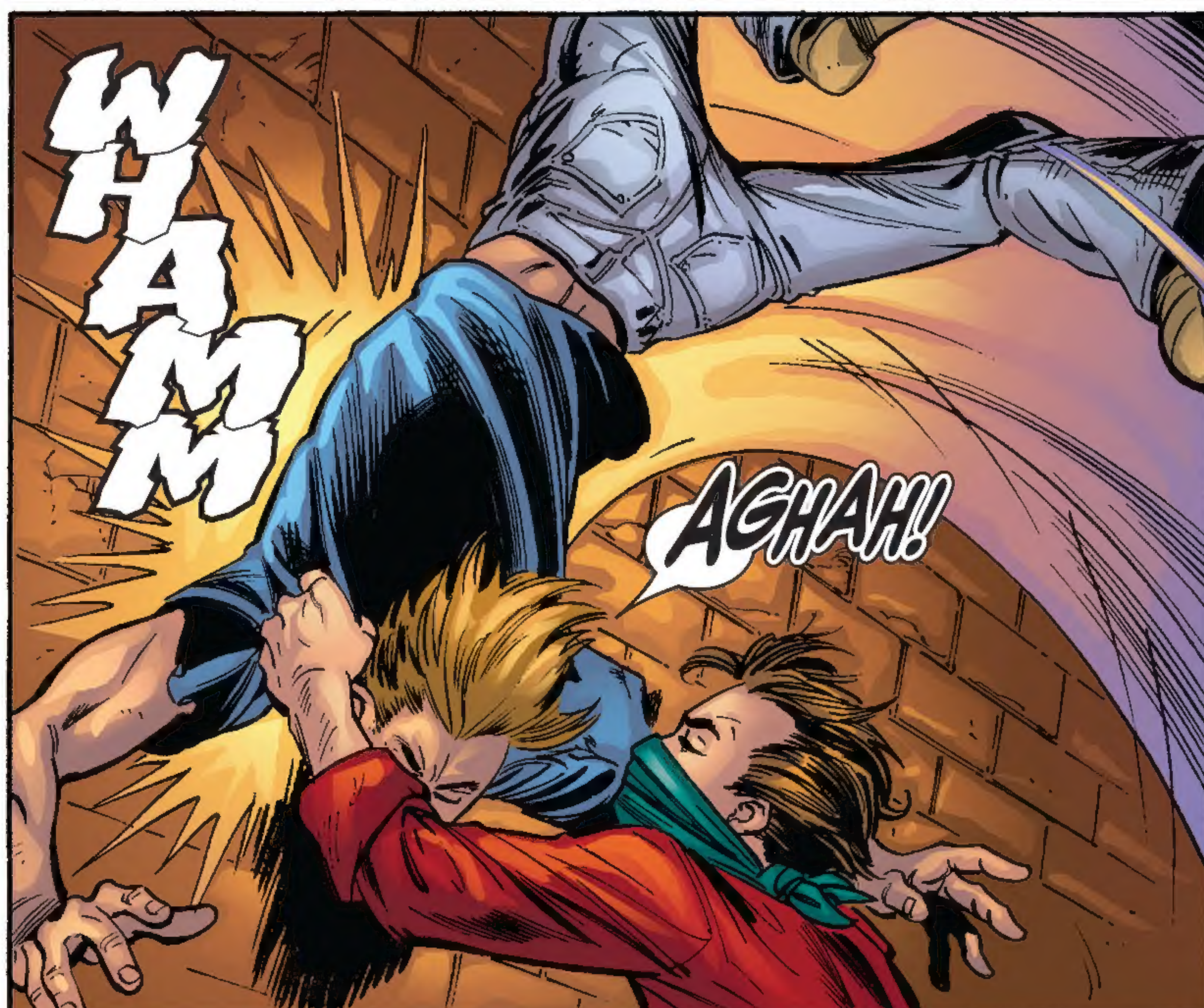


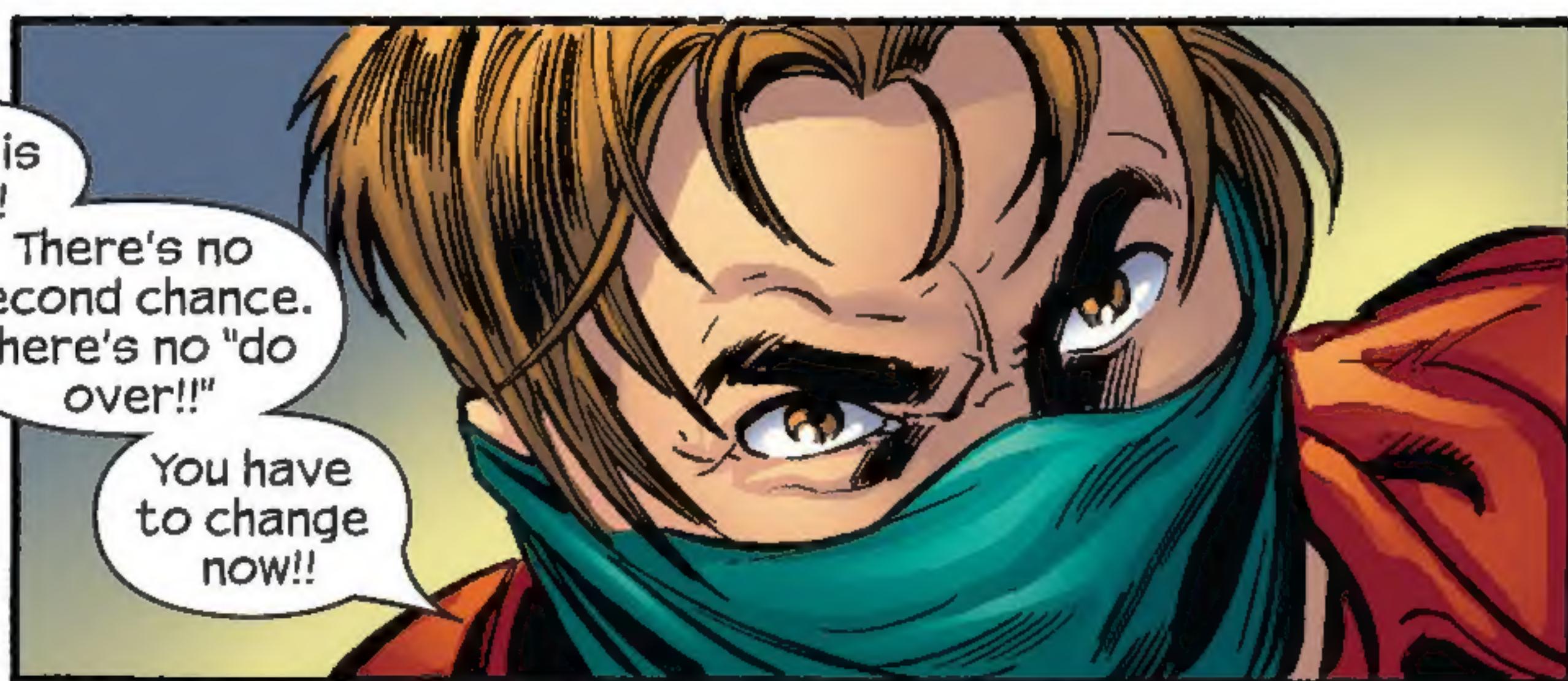














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